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Security alert for Hussein funeral

Fear of Iraqi revenge mission against Clinton and Blair

By Christopher Walker IN AMMAN

A HUGE security operation is being mounted in Jordan today to protect Western leaders attending the state funeral of king Hussein from possible ar-

tacks by Iraqi agents.

Western security experts fear that President Clinton and Tony Blair, the instigators of last December's Operation Desert Fox, could be targets for hit squads formed from the thousands of Iraqi agents known to operate inside the Hashemite kingdom.

The American and British leaders will be among about 40 heads of state and government from around the world attending the funeral, which will also see hardline Israelis like Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and Ariel Sharon, the Foreign Minister, join mourners from such radical Arab states still technically at war with Israel such as Iraq. Libya and possibly Syria.

In recent years, agents acting for President Saddam Hussem of Iraq and his eldest son. Uday, have been responsible for a number of acts of violence in Jordan and are known to operate an intelligence network here which spies on the many refugees from the traqi dictatorship, In Amman, Iraq maintains a large and heavilyguarded embassy.

One Western expert said: Jordan are not expected to cause trouble out of respect for the dead King, a direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad. But for the Iraqis, it is probably the only chance they will ever get to have both Clinton and Blair in their sights. Frankly, it is going to be a security nightmare." Jordan recently reinforced

King Abdullah 11 being

sworn in yesterday

its forces along the borders with both Iraq and Syria in an effort to deter attempts by either of the radical regimes to take advantage of the ascen-sion to the Jordanian throne of King Abdullah II, 37, Hussein's eldest son, to launch an attack or foment unrest.

Despite the precautions, it is readily admitted by Jordanian officials that both borders are porous and have been used for smuggling weapons into the Hashemite kingdom in recent

Iraqi anger at the American and British leaders provoked by the bombing of Baghdad has been aggravated by fur-ther incidents, including atcks on Iraqi planes and air defences inside the no-fly zones imposed on the north and south of the country.

Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that the Prince of Wales would attend the funeral on behalf of the Queen, a personal admirer of Hussein, who hosted a state visit by her in 1984.

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gether at al-Hussein Sport City and are transferred to royal compound

royal compound.
11:56 The royal princes carry the the main entrance of King Hussein's

celonels who carry it to the hearse. 12:00 The hearse leaves for the

13:46 Foreign dignitaries armve. 14:20 The coffin is taken outside or a gun carriage, to the rovel mosque The body is carried on the shoulde of eight officers towards the royal

rorist groups to use Jordanian soil as a venue for launching attacks against visitors was shown then, when a bomb attack was mounted at the hotel where British journalists cov-ering the royal visit were staying. That explosion and other threats were claimed as the work of the Abu Nidal terrorist organisation, whose severely ailing leader was recently reported to have moved his headquarters to Baghdad.

In Moscow it was an-nounced that a still-ailing Pres-ident Yeltsin would lead Russia's delegation.

The huge turnout of mourners from around the world in a country with less than five million inhabitants is evidence both of the enormous internarional respect and affection for the late King, who had ruled for the past 47 years, and evidence of Jordan's pivotal strategic importance.

The official Iraqi news agen-cy Ina announced Hussein's death without comment in a bulletin from Amman. Ties between the two countries have the start of 1998. An economic pact was signed earlier this month and an oil agreement was concluded in January.

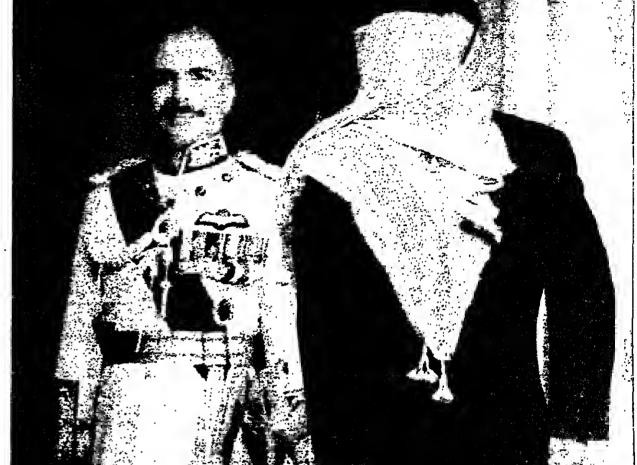
The guest list for the funeral outweighs in numbers and seniority those for two previous occasions of similar significance in the Middle East, the Cairo funeral of the Egypoan President Anwar Sadat after his assassination in 1981, and the burial of the Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, after his murder by a Jewish right-wing fanatic in 1995. Mr Rabin's widow, Leah, will be prominent among a

large Israeli contingent to be led by President Weizman. It will also include Shimon Peres, the doveish former Prime Minister, and Yitzhak Shamir, another former Prime Minister but one whose ultranationalist views have frequently been attacked by the

Jordanian Government.
The late King, who was pronounced dead from the effects of lymphatic cancer at 11.43am yesterday after two days on a life-support machine, was surrounded by controversy even in his dying hours. Jordanian sources said that

an attempt by Queen Noor. his American-born fourth wife, to have his body moved from the intensive care ward of the Hussein Medical Centre near Amman to one of his palaces, was rejected by doctors and he died at the hospital. Outside the gates, in rain and mist, about 2,000 mourners had gathered. Some had slept rough for two nights in the hope of a miracle that never

King Abdullah will be the youngest ruler in the region. Under the Jordanian constitution, he will enjoy the same sweeping powers as his father



Jordan's new King Abdullah II stands at attention in front of a life-size portrait of his late father. Hussein

with the right to appoint the eldest son of Hussein's four to try to unify the feudine fami-structures and to weaken Prime Minister and with little effective opposition from 2 weak, elected 80-seat lower house of parliament.

In a surprise move. King Abdullah last night named his half brother, Prince Hamzah, as Crown Prince and heir ap-parent by a royal decree. The 18-year-old Crown Prince, who currently at Sandhurst, is the

children from his fourth marriage to Queen Noor.

In the weeks before Hussein's death, there had been heated speculation that the Queen was pressing for Hamzah to be named as his successor. Last night's move was understood to have been the personal wish of the late King and was seen as a further anempt ly against the difficult times ahead. In another conciliatory gesture, Jordanian sources said that the King's widow would be able to retain her ti-

tle as Queen. Opposidon polideians, meering in private in recent days. have drawn up a plan to press the new King to expand Jor-dan's embryonic democrade

recent iron grip of the intelligence service on the media. Heavily censored and inaccurate reporting of the King's medical condidon in his final days provoked widespread public anger.

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Small firms face squeeze

Up to 800 of Britain's smaller companies will be forced to leave the stock market because they are being starved of investment. Investors tracking stock market indices is making it difficult for small companies to raise money toPage 48

Pensions risk

Men who join company pension schemes are 50 per cent more likely to lose their jobs involuntarily than those who

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Yard studies new charges against Lawrence murder suspects

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVES have been ordered to find new charges against the five men suspected of the murder of Stephen Lawrence six years ago. Three of them were acquit-

ted at the Old Bailey two years ago after a private prosecution filed by the Lawrence family. The other two were not committed for trial after a magistrate ruled there was insufficient evidence.

Now Deputy Assistant Com-missioner John Grieve, head of the Yard's new race and violence task force, who took over the Lawrence case two weeks ago has ordered his team to see if the five can be charged

Mr Grieve's officers are investigating whether it would be possible to bring a new charge of conspiracy to mur-der or affray and assault. Last month a team of police analysts met at the Yard and began studying the evidence in the case for new leads and a



Lawrence: Yard to reopen files six years after killing

new assessment. The law prohibits anyone from being tried for an offence for which they have been acquitted. Yesterday legal experts said new charges were technically feasible but may then be doomed in

But Mr Grieve is understood to be studying reports on a decision by American police to reopen investigadons into the murder of three civil rights activists by the Ku Klux Klan

34 years ago. No one was ever convicted for the killings. He has told his team of 15 officers at Scotland Yard that if a 34-year-old case can be reopened it is possible to reactivate the Lawrence inquiry. At the same time Mr Grieve is understood to be anxious not to raise the expectations of Doreen and Neville Lawrence,

the dead boy's parents. It was assumed that Neil Acourt, Luke Knight and Gary Dobson could not be tried again for the race killing because they had been cleared. The case against Jamie Acourt and David Norris was never strong enough to get to court.

Any new trial would involve quescions over the length of time since the murder of the 18-year-old student in a south London street in 1993 and the publicity the five have faced.

Yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service, which will have to sanction any prosecution, said no file or report has been received but the case would have to be studied carefully. If cases are discontinued

can be resurrected but when a crown court acquits they can-

not normally be renewed. Prolessor Michael Zander. professor of law at the London School of Economics, said a new prosecution was not completely impossible but the chance of failure must be high. The prosecution charge would have to be different but the

same evidence could be used. Conspiracy to murder would be a different charge from murder but could still carry a life sentence on convicoon. Affray and assault would carry lower penaloes.

Anne Rafferty QC, a specialist in criminal cases, said a

new prosecution would be difficult because it would be hard to keep the new case separate from the first. She said defence lawyers would say it was the same trial by another name. The prosecutors might produce new evidence but it would have to be revealing and show a different case.

Monumental bitch, page 3 Delhi....



Ten wicket triumph

Anil Kumble, the India leg

Kumble, 28, finished with

in Test

spinner, became only the second man in the 122-year history of Test match cricket, after Jim Laker, of England, to take ten wickets in an in-

10 for 74 - second only to Laker's ten for 53 against Australia at Old Trafford in 1956 in the all-time list of greatest ever analyses. His remarkable efforts enabled India to beat Pakistan, their arch-rivals, by 212 runs in the second Test between the sides at

Classic karaoke for the bathroom divas

BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

KARAOKE for classical music lovers is on its way. Latter-day Callases and wannabe Pavarottis will no longer have to belt out their arias alone in the

bath. From now on they can have full orchestral accompaniment, and a backing chorus too. Technology even allows for the support of professional soloists, who can be edited out or turned down if desired, to give a little support without

drowning out the true star. Hitherto

undiscovered divas and bathroom baritones will be able to make recordings, mixing their underappreciated voices with the professionals' music.

La Donna e Mobile from Verdi's Rigoletto and Mi Chiamano Mimi from Puccini's La Boheme are among 140 arias from 58 French and Italian operas being issued on ten CD-Rom discs. James Bulmer of Sunfly Media describes the company's Cantolopera Collection as an upmarket interactive product, and claims it is a world away from karaoke — Japanese for "empty orchestra" - and its associations with

pop and pub culture, though Sunfly has hitherto specialised in such recordings. "With this," he said, "we have taken the concept that opera is sexy. Opera now is for everyone. It is for ordinary people who like a good tune. We all like a good tune ... No longer is opera for the highbrow intelligentsia. It has gone for mass appeal. The

Three Tenors have made sure of that." Lucy Hall of Classic FM said: "Il's terrific fun. You can turn down that soprano or baritone and belt oot yours." The radio station's May issue of its magazine, out in April, will fea-

ture a sampler disk of four arias. The recordings are designed to be used on a PC or Apple computer, the screens carrying the score and words. in Eng-

lish or the original language. The recordings - made in Italy by the Compagnia d'Opera Italiana under the baton of Antonello Gotta and with young singers including Matteo Peirone - will be available in the high street from April. Each £37 disk will feature up to 15 arias, as well as analyses of the plot, biographical details, language pronunciations and a

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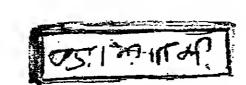
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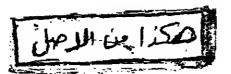
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THE TIMES MONDAY FEBRUARY 8 1999 Brown to squeeze more tax from company car owners

COMPANY car drivers who opt for large cars with poor fuel efficiency are to be penalised under new tax rules. The Chancellor is proposing to charge employees according to how much damage their cars do to the environment rather than the price of the vehicles

Gordon Brown is keen to deter companies from providing cars for employees, because they are usually large-engined cars and also because company car drivers cover a much higher mileage than private motorists. The majority of vehicles with engine sizes above two litres are company owned. Company cars are driven an average of

with 9,000 miles for a private car. However. Mr Brown is conscious that many of the larger cars that are used by employers tend to be made by British manufacturers. He has been advised of the danger

to manufacturers such as the trou-

bled Rover if he is too tough on com-

Treasury officials argue that a fairer system than taxing company cars by value would be to tax according to emission levels, which must be disclosed by manufactur-

pany car drivers.

ers from next year.
The Chancellor is keen to use the company car tax system to force motor manufacturers to fall into line

Chancellor seeks to set green example, writes Arthur Leathley

rended to reduce pollurion, due to come into force next year. More than half the 2.2 million new cars sold in Britain each year are compa-

ny owned. The moves, expected to be included in next month's Budget, will coincide with other plans, already announced, to increase the cost of the annual car tax disc for large-engined and energy inefficent cars. Mr Brown will confirm in the Budget that owners of small-engined cars will have a £50 reduction on the E150 car tax, while owners of

less efficient cars are expected to

pay more than at present. Treasury officials believe that, by targeting company-owned new cars, manufacturers will quickly be persuaded to produce more fuel-efficient vehicles. A Treasury document published last November said: 'There is some evidence that car buyers do not take full account of possible sav-

which models to buy." The Chancellor will use the Budget to signal moves to focus motorists' and manufacturers' anention on emission levels. His plans for

ings in fuel cost when deciding

of tax bands dependent on carbon dioxide emissions. New cars that exceed agreed carbon dioxide levels will attract higher taxes for the em-

At present, the complex taxation system is based on the value of the car, but some of the most expensive cars have highly advanced systems that make them more fuel efficient and less polluting.

Existing cars, where carbon dioxide emission levels are unknown, are to be taxed according to engine size rather than emission levels. although motor manufacturers say

this is an inaccurate way of measuring pollution levels. Treasury officials are consider-

ing whether to introduce a "escalator" into the company car tax system, under which the owners of most heavily polluting cars would pay a steadily increasing tax over a number of years.

Although ministers acknowledge that older cars are far greater pollut-ers than new vehicles, they believe that targeting new cars will quickly have a substantial "trickle-down" effect on the 22-million national car fleet. Britain is committed to a 20 per cent reduction in carbon diox-

ide emissions by 2010. The Chancellor, forced to aban-

don plans to tax private mileage driven by company car owners, is adamant that punitive taxes should be imposed on the least efficient

The AA said last night: "If the Chancellor uses engine size as a measure, it will be totally bogus and clearly aimed to raise more tax rather than help the environment."

The Budget will set out plans to reduce car tax to El00 for existing small cars, probably those with an engine capacity less than 1250cc. However, existing cars with engines larger the two litres, and pos-

sibly more than 1600cc will pay an annual amount higher than the cur-

Public scorns advice over food safety

MOST people do not trust ministers in make the right decisions for them on such issues as beef on the bone or genetically altered food, a government-funded poll will show to-

A MORI survey for the Cabinet Office shows that most people trust independent scientists and pressure groups more than politicians for advice on matters of scientific

The findings reflect public uncase with the handling of the BSE crisis by the previous Conservative Government. But the results will make uncomfortable reading for ministers who are trying to offer sensible solutions on a range of policy issues.

The poll was commissioned by the Better Regulation Task Force, headed by Lord Haskins as part of a debate inside the Government on risk management A seminar on the subject will be held at the

By Michael Hornsby

AGRICULTURE

PEOPLE are right to be wor-ried about the safety of food.

though their fears are almost

certainly exaggerated when compared with the reality of

Public perceptions of danger

appear to be related closely to

the high profile given by the media to certain subjects, such

as BSE, salmonella and pesti-

cides. Food in general would

also seem to be an emotive sub-

ject because people feel they

lack control over, and reliable

information about, the risks

they are being asked to accept.

about 1 in 532 people in Eng-

land and Wales, and I in 505 in

Scotland, were sufficiently bad-

ly poisoned by food for their

cases to be officially recorded.

The chance of canno some-

thing that will badly disagree

with you this year is thus fair-

ly high, between 7 and 8 on a

scale of risk running from 0 to

10 used by the Department of

On the other hand, the risk

On the basis of 1997 figures.

the risks they face.

A poll tells ministers that their scientific judgments carry little weight, reports Valerie Elliott

full results from the public attitude survey will be disclosed.

Tony Blair and his ministers will be left in no doubt that on certain issues they are

not trusted to take decisions on behalf of the public. However, on such matters as terrorism. crime and drugs the public relies on government action and advice. Even on these, according to the poll, people believe that the state could do more.

The poll was part of a new strategy to find out if the public wishes to be "nannied" by the state or leh to make its own decisions, particularly on maiters of personal choice.

The debale is timely, given the controversy over the continued ban on beef on the bone and worries over the produc-tion of genetically modified

PESTICIDES

Perception: MORI suggests

that 69 per cent of people are

worried about the long-term ef-

Reality: no hard evidence has

ever been produced linking pes-

ticide residues to increased ill-

E. COLI 0157

Perception: 94 per cent aware

and 25 per cent feel at risk (38

In 1997, recorded as affecting

1 in 12,170 in Scotland and 1

in 46,000 In England and Wates. More likely to cause

death than more common bugs.

of dying from eating contami-

nated lood is low, between I in

283,000 and 1 in 566,000, given

that food-related deaths run at

about 100 to 200 a year. This

would fall between risk levels

ality: relatively new and rare.

fects of pesticides in food.

ness in people.

food. Risk is attached to other policy issues facing the Government, from calls to set up a nanny register to concerns over some children's vaccines such as MMR [for mumps, measles and rubella),

Lord Haskins, a farmer and chairman of Northern Foods. takes a robust line on most of these issues, which he believes are a matter of personal free-

The issue of risk versus proportionality and how that should dictate policy will be the theme of today's seminar. Mr Blair will not be present but one of his close aides will attend and two members of the Nn.10 policy unit, Geoff Mulgan and James Purnell, are expected to take part. es D ar While 86 per cent of those over 75.

G.M. FOOD

Percention: 57 per cent wor-

ned about production of geneti-

Reality: GM foods on the mar-

ket are probably safer than

many conventional foods. More

reason to be concerned about

the impact on wildlife and coun-

SALMONELLA

of it and 51 per cent feel at risk.

Reality: second most common

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most usual symptoms. Rarely

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"minimal" and about the same

as the likelihood of dying in a

rail accident. The risk of dving

in a road accident is I in 8,000

tryside - data still sketchy.

cally modified foods.

dence in the food they are, spe-cific questions revealed anxie-

Some 69 per cent were afraid of the long-term affects of chemicals in food, 57 per cent were concerned about the producton of genetically modified food, 54 per cent were concerned about BSE and 51 per cent were worried about food poisoning generally.

the Government that as Britain approaches the millennium. 37 per cent sull feared chronic disease from poor diet. The public was particularly

concerned about the effects of passive smoking on children and 80 per cent backed a complete ban on smoking in children's areas in restaurants

The people who knew least about health and food safety where the ethnic minorioes. those in the lower social classes D and E. and people aged

Perception: 54 per cent say

Reality: eating beef now proba-

bly one of the safest things to

do. Genuine reason to be con-

cemed about level of infection

to which everyone has been ex-

posed: effects could take years,

CAMPYLOBACTER

tracted same degree of media

Reality: commonest cause of

food poisoning, accounting for

cases. Symptoms similar to sal-

about 54 per cent of all notified

These risks pale into insignifi-

cance beside smoking ten ciga-

renes a day, a danger willing

embraced by millions, which

has a 1 in 200 chance of caus-

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monella. Fatalities rare.

if not decades, to appear.

they are worried about BSE.



Jessica Brooks who, despite her experience, has not lost her love of dogs

Young heroes honoured

BY ALEX O'CONNELL

JESSICA BROOKS was staying the night with friends when she looked over at their family dog. thoughl it looked

sad and bent to give it a kiss. Suddenly, and completely out of character, the Alsatian attacked and severely damaged her face. Extensive emergency treatment saved Jessica's mouth and many operanons have rebuilt part of her

Her mother, Tracy, from Aby, Lincolnshire, said that the bite was so serious that the surgeon stopped counting after the first 100 stitches. Yeschildren under 17 honoured at the Child of Achievement Awards at the Hilton Hotel in

Despite the attack, Jessica & is still fond of animals and was upset when the dog involved had to be put down. She has befriended another dog who had been badly scarred in an acid attack.

Another winner, Matthew Robbins, 14. from Bradfordon-Avon. Wiltshire, found that he had leukaemia when he was eight. He endured a bone marrow transplant and has spent much of the past six Hospital. "I got leukaemia twice and I coped with school while I had it," he said.

Other winners include Abdul al-Raza, 7, from Berkshire, who suffered severe head and spinal injuries, and Rebecca Gough, 5, from Hertfordshire, who was a great comfort to her grandmother when her grandfather died.

The prize-winners were nominated by friends, family, teachers or doctors who felt that the children should be honoured for their ability to overcome illness, disability or for feats of kindness and

Tories would end EU control on aid

By PHILIP WEBSTER

THE European Union's right to spend £700 million a year of British aid money would be scrapped by a Conservative

Under a change in overseas development policy to be out-lined by the party today the EU's aid programme would be wound up and national governments made responsible for distributing the money currently sent to Brussels.

In a move to increase public support for the idea of overseas aid, policy would be focused more sharply on achieving good government in recipi-ent Third World countries and on trying to prevent it being used to "support the lavish lifestyles of corrupt dictators".

A new document, drawn up by Gary Streeter, the shadow International Development Secretary, and backed by the Shadow Cabinet, marks a fresh approach by the Conservatives to overseas aid. They aim to make it generous and elfective. Delivery of aid on the ground would be increasingly the job of private-sector and charity organisations rather than International Development Department officials.

It is the first policy paper to emerge from William Hague's Listening to Britain campaign and will be portrayed as evidence of the Tory leader's desire to change the assumptions that have underpinned policies. It confirms the Conservatives' desire to match Labour's commitment to working towards a British aid budget of 0.7 per cent of GNP, contrasting with the 0.3 per cent achieved during the last three years of the Tory government. Mr Streeter's paper propos-

es that Clare Short's Department for International Development should become mainy an enabling authority, setting the strategic approach to development but allowing distribution to be carried out by private companies and "nongovernment organisations". About 30 per cent of Brit-

ain's £2.2 billion aid budget is currently spent by the EU. Leading article, page 21

Mowlam concedes peace process is in difficulty

By AUDREY MAGEL, TRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MO MOWLAM conceded vesterday that the Ulster peace process was in difficulty and might miss the March to deadline for transferring powers from Westminster to Bel-

The admission from the Northern Ireland Secretary underlines the crisis in the peace process, deadlocked over IRA arms decommissioning. The London and Dublin governments have failed in find a way around the im-

Dr Mowlam told the BBC: We missed the Good Friday

Agreement by a couple of days. We may well miss this. I'm aiming for it. The people are aiming for it but nothing

is written in stone." Trny Blair is on stand-by to fly to Northern treland to help to break the deadlock and persuade Ulster's political parties to find a way for-ward. All sides are due back at Stormont next Monday for a critical debate in agree the establishment of ten ministerial departments and a number of cross border implementation bodies. But the stand-off over

decommissioning is almost

certain to hold up the time-taole for change. The IRA refuses to hand

over any weapons, despite Unionist insistence that Sinn Fein can not take its seats on the executive until the terrorists hand over at least some weapons and explosives. Sinn Fein insists that decommissioning is not a pre-condition in the Good Friday Agreement to taking seats on the ex-

Ms Mowlam said the peace process was not unravelling but going through a difficult

Students 'ought to pay full fees'

By JOHN O'LEARY, EQUCATION EQITOR

UNIVERSITIES are in decline and short of money, idevice-chancellor says today in a pamphlet arguing for annual fees of up to \$20,000.

Sir Graham Hills, a former vice-chancellor of Strathelyde University and government adviser, hlames dependence on central government for the universities plight.
Only by funding universi-

ties entirely through student vouchers based on the full cost of courses will academic independence and initiative return, he says. Degree courses would cost from £5,000 a year for philosophy to £20,000 for medicine. with scholarships and bursaries keeping down the cost for poor students.
In From Beggars to Choos-

ers, published by the conservasays the expansion of higher education since the 1900s led inevitably to lower standards. "Universities are no longer

concerned with liberty, freedom of speech, the challenge to political or religious authori-ty or reforms of education. ty or reforms of education. They are principally concerned with balancing the books."

Feel free to attack the Lib-Dems, says Blair

BY MARK HENDERSON AND ROLAND WATSON

LABOUR activists received the go-ahead to fight the Liberal Democrats in this year's round of elections despite the two parties policy of co-operation at Westminster.

Tony Blair was warmly ap-plauded when he told delegates at Labour's local government conference that a vote for the Liberal Democrats was a leap in the dark". His coniments served to

ease the fears among Labour's rank and file that links with the Liberal Democrat leadership were clipping the wings of local councillors, for whom

the third party is in many cas-Mr Blair said that although he would work with them where the two parties agreed, such as in modernising the constinution. Labour would

"Locally, they will promise everything to anyone, but can't deliver it." he said. However, the chief message

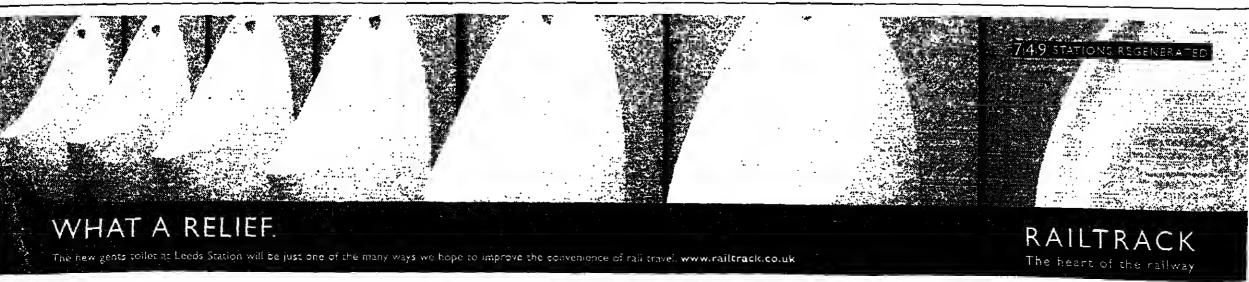
point out when they were

in yesterday's conference speech was a pep talk from Mr Blair to the 3,000 delegales. urging them to shrug off apathy and cynicism about the

new Labour project and help it through its "toughest period"

Although Labour were riding high in the polls, Mr Blair conceded that many of the Government's actions had yet to filter through to ground level. "We have got to get our noses to the grindstone and get de-livery — it is as simple as that." he said.

He also warned of the dangers of losing touch or of internal splits: "What has prevented us from winning two successive terms of office has been the Labour Party itself.



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Lawrence retrial 'counter to justice



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Anthony Scrivener, QC, argues that once a suspect has been acquitted a second attempt to get a conviction for the same offence would be wrong

THE longer the Lawrence inquiry went on, the more apparent it became that the police investigation into the murder had been woefully inadequate. The family tried to bring a private prosecution, but were not equipped to carry out a criminal investigation. They were left with the evidence provided by the police, such as it was, and on that evidence the prosecution failed. The accused stand acquitted of murder.

The accused were brought before the inquiry, but as a result of a court decision they could not be asked any incriminating questions. Their appearance at the inquiry did not assist in discovering the truth and the men's loutish behaviour as they left the inquiry was enough to anger not only the Lawrence family and ordinary decent people, but also honest and conscientious policemen who realised that the good name of the police force had been tarnished by the pathetic police investigation.

It is not surprising with this background that the possibility of having another go at the prime suspects should be considered. However any such attempt would face monumental difficulties and would run counter to a basic principle of the criminal law which protects those who have been acquitted.

Everyone knows that a person who has been acquitted cannot be tried again for the same offence even if new evidence becomes available after trial which points incontrovertably to that person's guilt. This is called the rule against double jeopardy'. But the rule is in fact wider than this.

Lord MacDermott, in an appeal from Malaysia, pointed out that the verdict of not guilty 'is binding and conclusive in all subsequent proceedings between the parties'. Once someone has been acquitted, the prosecution cannot challenge that acquittal in a second trial by seeking to prove him guilty of the crime of which he was acquitted.

prove him guilty of the crime of which he was acquitted. In one case, a man was acquitted of murder despite the fact that the police claimed he had made an admission of the offence. His conviction for carrying a firearm at a subsequent trial was set aside on appeal because the court had allowed the admission in evidence at that second trial.

In another case, a defendant who had been acquitted of murder later confessed to a newspaper that he had in fact committed the crime. A Scots court held that he could be tried for perjury.

However, there are even

However, there are even greater problems facing a fresh prosecution. The courts have the obligation to ensure that criminal proceedings do not amount to an abuse of the processes of the court and that criminal proceedings are not oppressive or unfair.

In the Maxwell case a court

exercised this jurisdiction exercised this jurisdiction. Kevin Maxwell had stood trial in a blaze of publicity on charges which the prosecution considered were the strongest they had. He was acquitted.

The serious fraud office then

The serious fraud office then wanted to try him again on less serious offences which had been severed from the first trial. The trial judge would not allow this. The first trial had gone on for months. Kevin Maxwell had been in the witness box for many weeks. The publicity had been intense. The judge held it would be oppressive for Kevin Maxwell to endure a second trial, it would be umfair in the light of the publicity which potential jurors would have seen. In any fresh proceedings

brought in connection with the Lawrence case, the defence would rely on these principles. The accused have been acquitted of murder. There has been intense and hostile publicity to which potential jurors will have been subjected. The courts will not wish to dilute these important legal principles which are there for the

protection of citizens just be-

cause the accused in this case

are so unsympathetic.

Anthony Scrivener is a former chairman of the Bar Council, and a leading Queen's Counsel.





Gary Dobson: sent for trial and acquitted





Suspects never faced full trial

BE STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE five young men once accused of murdering Stephen Lawrence have between them run the gamut of the legal system, from the magistrates' court to the Old Bailey, but none has stood full trial.

David Norris, Luke Knight, Gary Dobson, Jamie Acourt and his brother Neil were originally charged in 1993, but the case was dropped before committal proceedings began after the Crown Prosecution Service said there was insufficient evideoce.

A year later the CPS again

declined to go ahead with the case. However, in April 1995, lawyers for the Lawrence family began a private prosecution. In August of that year Neil Acourt, Luke Knight and Gary Dobson were sent for trial. The charges against Jamie Acourt and David Norris were thrown out after a magistrate ruled that there

was insufficient evidence. The three remaining defendants appeared at the Old Bailey nine months later, but the case never reached the jury stage. The judge decided, after hearing defence submissions, that a key witness. Duwayne Brooks, was unreliable, He acquitted the three.

In February 1997 the five were called to the inquest on Stephen Lawrence, but declined to answer questions, At the inquiry into the police's handling of the case, before Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, they protested their innocence and were nearly mobbed as they left the

All five are reported still to live in the South London area where Stephen Lawrence was killed. None of them is reported to be working, although Jamic and Neil Acourt appear as DJs at a club.



Neil Acourt: sent for trial and acquitted

Hunt suspends pair for graveyard ride

By ALEX O'CONNELL

TWO followers of the Heythrop Hunt were suspended last night for ridingthrough the graveyard where Sir Winston Churchill is buried.

The riders, a man and a woman, were banned at a meeting of the hunt after people living in in Bladon, Oxfordshire, near the Blenheim estate, complained that they galloped through the churchyard last Friday, damaging the cemetery. A newly laid path near the grave was cut with hoofmarks.

John Summer, joint master of the hunt, said: "We are taking it very seriously. We have never had this sort of thing happen before. If we had seen it happen at the time, they would have been sacked

eythI last another joint master, who was riding on Friday, said: "I was furious.

"I denied it when someone

asked me about it immediately afterwards, because I couldn't believe that anybody would be quite so stupid."

Speaking at the meeting in

Speaking at the meeting in the home of another hunt master, in Upper Slaughter, last night, he added: "Two members of the hunt regrettably rode into the churchyard. Their membership has now been suspended and we regret any distress that may have been caused."

The six members of the parish council are also expected to debate the incident and are understood to be writing a letter of complaint to the masters of the Chipping Norton-based hunt. Mabel Dyer, chairman of Bladon Parish Council, said villagers were "very very upser" by the way the hunt had ridden through the church-

yard.

Mrs Dyer said: "Knowing that Sir Winston Churchill is buried there should have been reason enough for them to give the place a very wideberth. They have caused damage in the churchyard and galloped through the place where Sir Winston's grave is.

"The newly laid path has been pitted with hoof marks. It is appalling."

Sue Hawker, headmistress of Bladon Primary School, said that her pupils had been in the playground on morning break just minutes before the hounds rushed into the school-

Other villagers described how the hounds had terrified a young girl who was walking a dog in a field near the church. Mr Sumner said: "We were hunting on the Blenheim estate, which runs at the back of Bladon Church. When the ground is as wet as it is, and the hounds are following a fox quite tightly, it is often difficult to stop them running off at a

"However, we realise that this was an unacceptable thing to happen and we wish to apologise to the villagers."

Penelope Keith must quit fund, says actor

By Claudia Joseph

NICKOLAS GRACE, the actor who played the stammering bon viveur Anthony
Blanche in Brideshead Revisited, has called for the resignation of Penelope Keith, the
president of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, after the charity
spent more than £32,000 on
lawyers and auditors and dismissed its general secretary.

Grace, who resigned from the charity's executive council last year after falling out with Keith, fears that the reputation of the fund is in jeopardy as it becomes engulfed in a costly legal action for wrongful dis-

In another setback, the Queen, who has been a patron of the fund since 1952, has announced that she will be stepping down this year.

Rosemary Stevens, the

Rosemary Stevens, the former general secretary, will today take her case for wrongful dismissal to an industrial tribunal. Her assistant settled

Speaking for the first time since his resignation, Grace, 51, said: "This is not a clash of personalities; it is a fight to save the Actors' Benevolent Fund. It has done fantastic work helping people, but its name is being tarnished. I don't like to think members' money is being wasted."

Keith was unavailable for comment yesterday.

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Police corruption inquiry extended

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Bladon Church, where Sir Winston Churchill is buried

SCOTLAND YARD'S anti-corruption detectives are investigating more than 350

potential miscarriages of justice linked to allegedly crooked officers.

The cases stretch back at least ten years and some involve substantial convictions for crimes including armed robberies and drugs. Special teams of detectives and lawyers from the Crown Prosecution Service have uncovered the cases during

investigations into corruption.

Last summer Scotland Yard officers were looking at about 200 cases of possi-

ble miscarriages of justice. Now Yard sources say this has risen by more than half in the past six months.

to frame suspects. The investigations cover all staff over the past ten years. The officers' ranks range from constable to summer than the past six months.

Lawyers for men now serving long prison sentences have also asked Scotland Yard to check whether convictions could be affected, and appeals may be made.

Hundreds of Yard officers have al-

Hundreds of Yard officers have already been served with official warnings that they face questioning by detectives from the Complaints Investigation Bureau about what, if anything, they knew of malpractice. They include detectives from a team who are being questioned about allegations that some investigators may have used imitation guns and masks

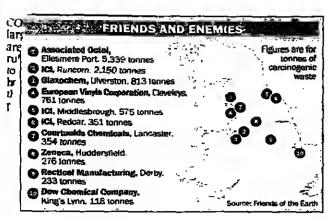
to frame suspects. The investigations cover all staff over the past ten years. The officers' ranks range from constable to superintendent. One of them is Detective Superintendent Albery Patrick, moved two weeks ago from heading the latest Stephen Lawrence investigation.

Yard sources said the officers are not being accused about their involvement in the alleged use of "framing" equipment but will be asked whether they knew about it. If they did know about the equipment, they will be asked whether they turned a blind eye. They would face questions about why they did not alert senior officers if they knew it was being used.

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PWebsite smokes out the polluters



Nigel Hawkes on pressure group's

attempt to rouse public opposition

A LEAGUE table of companies that produce the greatest air pollution has been produced by Friends of the Earth to encourage public opposition to polluiers.

The table of 97 large factories draws on data submined to the Environment Agency and already on the public record, though not easily accessible until now

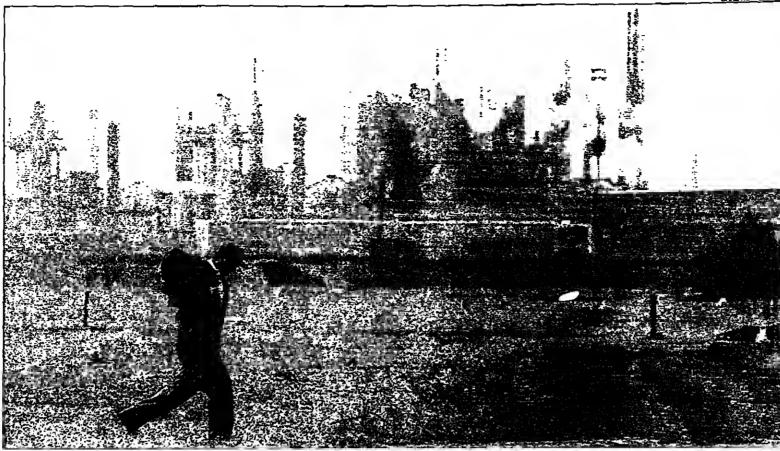
Friends of the Earth has put the information into a website. with software that allows householders to check the safety of industrial plants in their area simply by inputting a postcode. The pressure group hopes that the website. Factory Waich, will stimulate local opposition and help to tighten

environmental standards. It was, however, accused of exaggeration by two companies that appear in the league. ICI said that Friends of the Earth's approach was "alarmist, predictable and unnecessary". Associated Octel, whose Ellesmere Port plants head the table, said that it was misleading to categorise their emissions as cancer-causing. The website states that, in 1996, the latest year for which data is available, large factories that made returns to the Environment Agency emitted more than 13,000 tonnes of "recognised carcinogens" into the

The total was more than double that, according to Michael Warhurst of the pressure group. He said that smaller factories, which come under the jurisdiction of their local authorioes and for which no comparable data are available, probably emined more.

Merseyside and northwest England are the worst-affected areas, the website says, with more than 10,000 tonnes of the total for large plants. Half of that figure is said to come from Associated Octel plants. Northeast England is the secand-worst area, followed by

the East and West Midlands. The figures are not contested by the companies, but the effects of the emissions are. Friends of the Earth chose to define carcinogens by criteria



Emissions from plants such as ICI in Middlesbrough fall well below legal levels: the company said that Friends of the Earth was being alarmist

adopted by the State of California in 1986, hased on animal experiments that used much higher doses of the chemicals than would be encountered by human beings in ordinary life.

The carcinogens included chioroethane, lead and vinyl bromide. In 1996 Associated Octel in Ellesmere Port released 5.128 tonnes of chioroethane, 66 tonnes of lead and eight tonnes of vinyl bromide. The company said that, under World Health Organisation

guidelines, there was "no adequate evidence" of a carcinogenic effect in humans of lead and chloroethane, and only limited evidence for vinyl bromide. "Friends of the Earth should have made it clear that the concentrations of the substances emitted are so low as to present no health hazard to the workforce or the local populadon, based on standards set by the Health and Salety Commission," the company said. Paula Shields, a spokes-

woman for ICI, said: "Factory Watch is a regurgitation of out-of-date information. ICI openly and voluntarily pro-vides information about all its emissions to anybody who is interested. Anybody who wants site-specific information can make direct contact with

their local ICI works." The amounts released by the plants in the league table mostly fall well below the levels agreed with environment agencies, so the companies

have committed no offence. Friends of the Earth acknowledged that it was "virtually impossible" to prove that a given chemical was responsible for a particular health problem, but said that it was "plain common sense" to reduce pollution.

Associated Octel said that, in the past two years, emissions in Ellesmere Port had fallen more than 1,000 tonnes a year, and that in 1999 they would be less than half the 1996 levels. The pressure group called on the Government to set a target of reducing the emissions by 80 per cent by 2005, and to introduce comprehensive pollution inventories for all sources of environmental contamination, including small factories and transport.

The worst factories are being allowed to release a quite appalling amount of healththreatening pollution" Mike Childs, of the group, said. I Factory Watch is at

Leading tour firms give most cause for complaint of By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

BRITAIN'S best-known holiday firms are the most likely to attract complaints from tourists, a new survey shows.

The poll by Britain's biggest independent travel agency points to wide variations in the way that companies deal with complaints. Some are criticised for failing to disclose records on the level of dissatisfaction among customers.

The survey by Co-op Travel-care, which has 200 agencies, shows that Cosmos receives the highest level of complaints, with 3.48 per cent of holiday-makers registering formal crit-icism, mainly over the standard of accommodation or the holiday representative. However. Cosmos says that its own figures show complaints running at 5 per cent.

The best performing company, according to the survey of more than 600,000 holidaymakers, is Bridge, which specialises in European short breaks. The company attracted no complaints from customers booking through Co-op.

Most operators estimate that between 1 and 2 per cent of holidaymakers complain. The companies that would not give information about complaints were Bridsh Airways Holidays, Kuoni, Panorama. Shearings and Hoseasons.

Behind Cosmos on the complaints list were First Choice, with 2.27 per cent, Sunworld (2.1), Sunset Holidays and Club 18-30 (LS) and Airtours (1.45). Companies with the fewest complaints were British Holidays (0.08 per cent), Hoseasons (0.19), Shearings (0.22) and Haven Holidays (0.3).

Yvonne Rankin, general manager of Co-op Travelcare, said: "All tour operators who were prepared to supply their own complaints figures deserve credit for their openness. To us, it shows a commitment

to customer service." The four biggest operators own or work in partnership with some 70 per cent of travel agents: Airtours owns Going Places. Thomson owns Lunn own chain and runs agencies under World Choice, and First Choice runs its own agencies.

Bomb suspects challenge key anti-terrorism law

A KEY legal weapon in the fight against terrorism would be lost if a test case next month by four alleged bombers is successful.

Lawyers for the Middle Eastern men claim that the Prevention of Terrorism Act is in breach of the new Human Rights Act. They say that it forces the burden of proof onto the defendants, who can be found guilty unless they can prove rials that can be turned ioto bombs.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill the Lord Chief Justice, is taking the test

Frances Gibb reports on a judicial review into where the burden of proof should rest

challenge to the Act very seriously, deciding to hear the case himself at the High Court next month.

The test action is thought to be the first in which defendants in a criminal trial are invoking the safeguards contained in the Human Rights Act 1998.

men are arguing that were their case to come to trial, then the prosecution could successfully be contested under that Act, which is likely to be in force by next year.

The men have won High Court leave to bring judicial review proceedings against the Crown Prosecution Service in a hearing next month. Because of the importance of the case, the Lord Chief Justice

The case will be the first test as to whether the European Convention on Human Rights can be invoked in the courts before the Human Rights Act comes into force.

The men, who cannot be identified because of reporting restrictions, are alleging that the charges against them under section 16(a) of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 1989 and introduced by the Crimi-1994 are in breach of their right to a the materials for terrorist activities

It is alleged that they were in post proof is on the defence when it

session of chemicals and other material with the intention of making bombs for terrorist activities. They are saying that under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, they are required to show that the possession of this property does not give rise to a reasonable be-

- in other words, the burden of

men are awaiting trial. The out-come of the judicial review hearing is being keenly watched by human rights lawyers and government law officers as the first high-profile test of how human rights provisions will affect criminal trials. Granting the men leave to bring

should be on the prosecution. The

the challenge earlier this month, Mr Justice Turner imposed reportof Court Act to prevent reporting of any details identifying the men or the circumstances of the charges.



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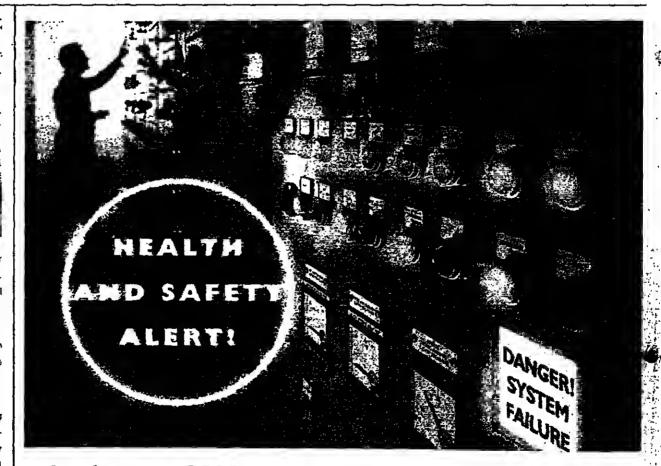
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Women-only training hits army target

A CONTROVERSIAL decision to introduce the first allfemale platoons at the Army's biggest training centre has re-sulted in a dramatic improvement in pass rates and a significant reduction in injuries.

Although single-sex train-ing units were considered by some to be poliocally incor-rect, the scheme devised by Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Vandeleur, commanding officer of the Army Training Regi-ment at Pirbright, Surrey, has heen endorsed by the recruits. he 24 women nearing the end of their course in the Morley Troop, one of the latest single Troop, one of the latest singlesex units at Pirbright, said that, despite "inevitable bitching among the girls", they liked training separately.

The men never treat us as

equals anyway at our age." Lorraine Hindson, 18, from Newcastle upon Tyne, said during a break in firing her SA80 rifle at one of the Pir-bright ranges. With women

Single-sex platoons cut injuries and increase pass

rates, writes Michael Evans

now able to compete for 70 per cent of jobs in the Army -only the infantry and armoured corps are still male-on-ly — about 800 women are expected to pass through the Pir-bright course in the 12 months from April I last year when the all-female scheme began. This compares with 534 in the previous 12 months when there

were mixed platoons. Colonel Vandeleur said that too many young women trying to compete with men dropped out, mostly because of injuries en, at an average height of 5ft 6in, had to strain to keep up with the men, at 5ft 9in.

He said that all-female training units reduced injuries among the young women. aged from 16 to 25, by 50 per cent and pass rates had increased to 70 per cent. "So, whether they like it or not, it

works," he said. The young women are barred from fraternising with their male counterparts and are kept to a strictly one-gen-der regime. Even their instructors are female, if there are

enough to go around. Colonel Vandeleur said that the recruits reached the same physical fitness as men, but in a different way. Pirbright, which has the

largest intake of women, is the only training centre with all-female units. It handles re-cruits for the Royal Logistic Corps, the Royal Artillery, now open to women, the Royal



Fighting chance: from left, Rachel Batkin. 16, Lorraine Hindson, 18, Alexrandra Cottier, 25 and Sian Cornish, 17

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and the Household Division, which is still male-

Rachel Batkin, the "baby" of Morley troop at 16 years 10 months, said that being in an all-female unit had helped her to get over her early homesickness. Alexandra Cottier, from

ler driver with the Royal Artil-West Crawley. Sussex, the oldlery, said: "Sometimes it gets a bit difficult because of the est at 25 and an England footballer, said: "There are a lot of birching, but basically we all love each other to bits." oungsters here and they con t know how to relate to an in-Corporal Dawn Rees, 25, in structor who is a man. Women

charge of Morley Troop, said: are more understanding." Sian Cornish, 17 and 6ft 2in. The trouble with mixed plafrom Bognor Regis, West Sustoons is that the girls get insex, who wants to be a signal-

The all-female units make training less stressful. For example, all recruits, male and female, have to complete an endurance run within 40 minutes. The men might push themselves to do it in 35 minutes or less, whereas the worn-

en, without pressure from the

men, take the full 40 minutes.

Branded kit makes the army a sales force

By HELEN WILLIAM

THE Army has put a range of branded clothes, accessories and leisure wear into the front line of its recruiting cam-

In its first venture into the commercial market, it will sell fleeces. T-shirts. baseball caps, combat-style trousers and mountain bikes, complete with the Army's recruiting slogan — "Be The Best" — from April. The range also includes watches, walking boots, ski hats and stationery. There are fountain pens with the slogan "Loaded with 9mm cartridges" and propelling pencils

reading "Loaded with lead".

Colonel Rory Clayton, the head of recruitment marketing, hopes it will attract more of the 17 to 26-year-olds who form the basis of the Army's new recruits. He said: "This is about recruiong and image building. After a long period when we have been forced by terrorism to withdraw from society, we want to make our-

selves part of society again."

The range was developed in connection with Saatchi and Saatchi with the aim of making the Army more visible.

Nine in running to head the Met

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NINE of the most senior policemen in the country are being named in police circles as possible successors to Sir Paul Condon as head of Scotland

The post of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police carries a salary of up to £130,000 a year, a guaranteed knighthood and the chance to run one of the world's biggest forces, with 44,000 staff. It also brings the stewardship of a troubled force.

Sir Paul has already abandoned his ambition to stay beyond next January, when his seven-year contract ends. Now there is speculation he will go early if the report of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry is highly critical of his own role and the extent of racism in the Metropolitan Police.

The post, which will include a contract for up to five years, will not be advertised. A shortlist of officers will be drawn up within the Home Office and the candidates will be asked to come in for interview. The decision will be made by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary.



Eagle-eyed **Boris takes** to the air

A RARE Siberian eagle owl whose eyesight was saved by laser surgery, has flown for the first time in two years thanks to the operation.

The 20-year-old bird, known as Boris and one of two of the species in captivity in Britain, flew the 5ft to and from his perches in a tiny aviary at an owl sanctuary on Goss Moor, Cornwall.

Carolyn Screech, who runs the sanctuary band, Tom, said: "He is improving and, when he is more lively, we will transfer him to a larger aviary." Boris will be on show to the public this weekend for the first time since the surgery last month.

The sanctuary is in contact with Moscow Zoo about finding a mate for Boris now that his sight has been restored.

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Richard Ford on drive to combat racism in the corridors of power

THE Government is urged leday to appoint blacks and Asians to seninr positions in Whiichall and the Diplomatic Service as part of a drive to combat discrimination and

The proposal from a Blairile think-tank would lead to the first member of an ethnic minority being appointed an am-bassador. Ministers are also told to adopt the American practice of linking members of ethnic groups to their origins. using such terms as African Briton, Asian Briton or Chinese Briton.

The report also calls for ministers to appoint blacks and Asians to be their special advisers in Whitehall departments and to senior positions in the information service.

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, author of the report entitled True Colours, said: 'The challenge is for white people to transform their notion of nationhood so that ethnic-minority Britons have a place within it. It is also to get black and Asian Britons to see themselves as an integral part of the nation and not at the fringes. It is noticeable that advisors to ministers, and senior Whitehall officials, are almost exclusively white.

There are no members of ethnic minorities among the special advisers working with Cabinet ministers. The Prime Minister has personally appointed two people from ethnic minorines to the Downing

Street policy staff. In 1997 10 per cent of applicants for a post of assistant information officer in Whitehall were from ethnic minorities. A similar figure applied for jobs as information officers last year. The Cabinet Office

did not have a figure for successful applicants.

Ms Alibhai-Brown's report. published by the Institute for Public Policy Research, demands greater recognition of the sacrifices made by black and Asian soldiers at conmemoration services for the Second World War and for ministers to attend the Nutting Hill carnival.

It urges the Government to create a "rebuttal team" to counter misinformation in the media about the three million people from ethnic minorities

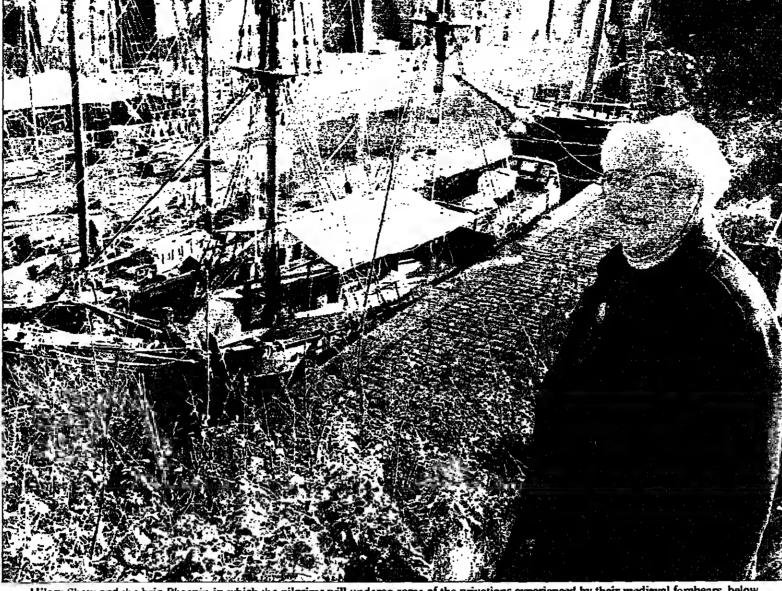
The report says that more stringent immigration controls had lailed to reassure the public. The portrayal of lough immigration controls as a condition for good race relations had a negative impact un publie anitudes towards members of the ethnic minorities.

Ms Alibhai-Brown says that if the Government can promote its economic and social policies through the media, it could do the same for race relations.

The latest government fig-ures show that 5.7 per cent of civil servants are from ethnic minorities and 53, or 1,6 per cent, were in the 4,000 most senior posts. No one from an ethnic minority has been appointed a permanent secretary, although one applied for

a post recently. Sumar Chakrabarti, 39 head of the Cabinet Office performance innovation unit, is the most senior Whitehall official from an ethnic minority.

Most Asians and blacks in the Civil Service earn between £10,000 and £15,000 a year as clerks and secretaries. About 120 earn £45,000 a year as middle-ranking officials.



ill undergo some of the privations experienced by their medieval forebears, below



Pilgrims to set sail on journey through past

AN ANCIENT pilgrims' route from Cornwall to one of Europe's most sacred shrines is being revived for the first

time since the Reformation. In May 25 pilgrims will set off from the tiny port of Fowey on board two historic sailing ships bound for La Coruña in northern Spain. They will be following in the footsteps of thousands of medieval pilgrims who made the gruelling journey to the shrine at Santiago de Compostela until pilgrimage was ended by Henry VIII duriog the Reformation.

After the arduous five-day crossing, the pilgrims will walk the remaining 50 miles to Santiago, where the bones of St James are said to be buried. They will be joining an estimated ten million Roman Catholics expected to make the pilgrimage from all over Europe as the end of the millennium coincides with a "saint's year" for St James. Every year, tens of thousands follow the ancient routes over the Pyrences from France.

By making the journey to Santiago, they will receive the

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Simon de Bruxelles on

an arduous trip not made since the

Reformation

church's plenary indulgence, wiping the spiritual slate clean. However, to qualify for a pilgrimage certificate, most will have to walk, or travel hundreds of miles by donkey. as the Church does not consider modern transport sufficient-

ly demanding.
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Cornish for the Pilgrims of St James, will qualify because they will travel under sail in a manner similar to their medieval predecessors.

The group's main problem was finding authentic sailing ships, until a naval architect suggested Square Sail. The company, based in the his-

toric port of Charlestown,

Dorset, operates a small fleet of square-rigged sailing ships used regularly by film compa-nies. The pilgrims will travel on the brig *Phoenix* and the schooner Carrie, both of which have few modern conveniences, save for 20th-century safety and navigation

equipment.
Chris Wilson. of Square
Sail, said: "The objective is to
sail to Spain in convoy, making 100 miles a day, exactly
how the early pilgrims would
have travelled."

Hilary Shaw, who has organised the pilgrimage. said: "We will have to undergo some privations, but that will tell the strength of our belief. After all, imagine what it must have been like for the original pilgrims."

Before they board their ships, the pilgrims, who come from all over Britain, face a two-day 25-mile trek across Comwall along the Saints' Way path. Medieval travellers, many from Ireland and Wales, would gather at St Petrock's church in Padstow before making their way to

THE TIMES MONDAY FEBRUARY 8 1999 Ramblers protect of protest at barbed wire of o the law

BY AMANDA BROWN

TWO English ramblers were symbolically cut free from a barbed-wire cage by an MP at the Scottish border yesterday. Gordon Prentice, Labour

penborough peads for ipperficid inpanzees Member for Pendle, is trying to get a Private Member's Bill through Parliament that will give English walkers a similar legal freedom to roam as those proposed for Scottish ram-

Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, inaugurated a consultation on the issue last summer and is shortly to decide whether to introduce, legislation in England an Wales. The Ramblers' Association wants to persuade the Government to stick to its preelection pledge of laws open-ing up unculrivated land in England and Wales.

More than 100 Labour MPs are backing Mr Prentice's Right to Roam Bill, which is scheduled for a second read-ing in the Commons on March 26.

Ministers have reportedly decided that the Bill should not become law. Mr Meacher, a rambler himself, wants landowners and farmers to reach vuluntary agreements with walkers. If that does not happen within two years, laws

would follow.

Mr Meacher is thought to be planning the Government's own Right to Roam proposals before the Prentice Bill is debated. Such a move would be unlikely to satisfy Labour MPs, who fear that the Government's scheme will make it too easy for landowners to keep ramblers off their land.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, announced proposed rights of access to Scotland's countryside last week, to be introduced if Labour takes control of the Sconish parliament. The Scottish Countryside Access Code would be drawn up by Scottish Natural Heritage. (PA News)

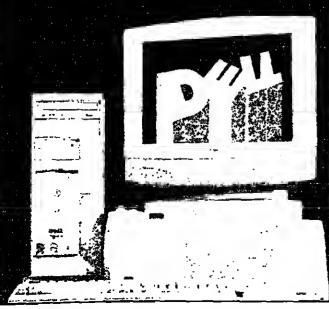
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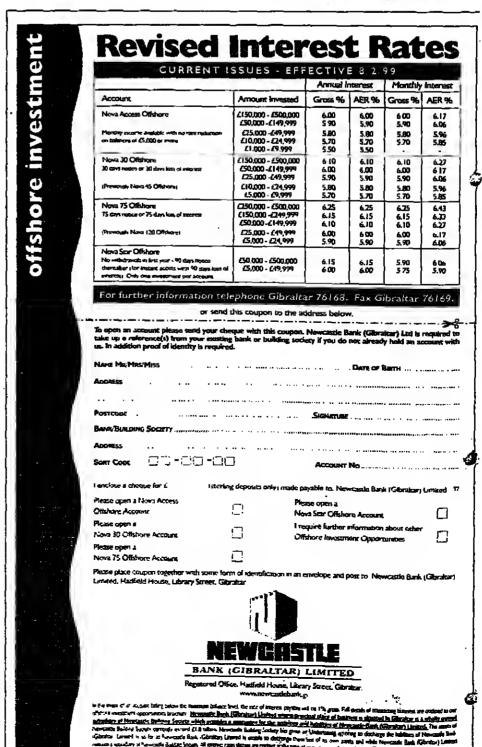
THE £758 million Millennium Dome has been given a thumbs down from the public in a survey today about year 2000 celebrations.

An NOP poll last week showed that nine out of ten adults thought too much was being spent on the giant structure in Greenwich, southeast London. Today's survey shows that two out of three adults believe the Dome to be a waste of money, with three in four believing that too much fuss is being made of the

The survey of 500 people, for CIA Medianetwork, showed that 56 per cent of Londoners oppose the Dome, compared with a national average of 70

Of those surveyed, 24 per cent said that they would not be celebrating the millennium: 42 per cent of over-65s will not be marking the occasion, nor will 13 per cent of 15 to 34-yearolds. Among those aged 55 or over, 89 per cent thought that too much was being made of the arrival of the millennium. compared with a national average of 76 per cent. More than a third of those quesnoned were excited about the year 2000, with almost three in five of 15 to 24-year-olds really looking furward to it.

The survey also found that more than one person in three is concerned about the millennium bug. The public is al-ready showing distinct signs of burnout with the hype surrounding the millennium." David Fletcher, of the media agency, said. "Advertisers and media alike should be wary of overlegging the millennial pud-ding. (PA News)



Company pension is bad for job security

MEN who join company pension schemes are 50 per cent more likely to lose their jobs involuntarily than those who do not, a study shows.

Research published today by the London School of Economics says middle-aged men on above-average salaries, who may be tempted to think their generous remuneration packages are a reflection of how their employers value their services, are among the most vulnerable to company demands.

nerable to company downsizing.

The report by the LSE's Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion shows that employment for men aged 50 and over has declined faster than for any other age group.

Alexandra Frean on study that shows well-paid older men in firms' schemes face bigger risk of redundancy

Two fifths of men aged 55 to 65 are without work, compared to one placed from their ioh than men of when it is trying to reduce depending to

fifth in 1979 — a loss of 600,000 jobs for that age group alone.

Nigel Campbell, the report's author, said men aged 45 and over who were at the bonom of the pay scale were the most likely to lose

their jobs. Those on above-average earnings were likely to have greater job security, provided they did not have a company pension.

"Men in their early 50s with an

occupational pension and in the top

placed from their job than men of the same age and wages but no occupational pension," he said.

Although some men took a willing decision to retire early, most did so refuctantly. There was evidence that pension scheme membership made it more likely that people on higher earnings would be pushed out and offered early reorement because employers wanted to cut the costs of making salary-related pen-

sion contributions.

The findings is likely to cause con-

cern to the Government at a time when it is trying to reduce dependency on the state pension and encourage people to save for old age through company and private

schemes or stakeholder pensions.
Government concern was prompted by research from the Pensions Review Group, which forecast that up to five million people could set their incomes fall by more than half on retirement because their pension provision would be inadequate. Professor John Hills, director of the centre, said the LSE study

held important implications for future pensions provision, not least because it found that relatively few older people returned to work once they had left the labour market. The return to work rate for men aged 45 to 49 who lose their job is

As a result, Professor Hills said, the growing ranks of men forced to retire early and who lacked sufficient accumulated pension rights risked swelling the ranks of the poor and socially excluded.

or and socially excluded.
"The postwar assumption was

that people would work for 40 years of their life. But the trend to-wards early retirement means that working lives of 30 years ate no longer uncommon. As a matter of simple arithmetic, that makes it more difficult for individuals to achieve sufficient pension provision for themselves." he said.

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The findings come as no surprise to John Hurst, 60, a credit control manager from Bristol who was asked by his employer to take early retirement two years ago. He has been unable to find a permanent

job since. "I lost my job because they wanted someone younger in the post, although they would never dare say so. It is hard for me to get a job now — I have more experience and knowledge than most of the people I would be working for," he said.

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Mr Hurst, who had expected his reorement to be "comfortable", is worried that he will have to rely on the state pension to top up his

diminished company pension.

☐ The Decline of Employment Among Older People in Britain is based on data drawn from the Labour Force Survey and the British Household Panel Survey.

Attenborough pleads for Chipperfield chimpanzees

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

SIR David Attenborough was among campaigners who called yesterday for the release of four chimpanzees still under the care of Mary Chipperfield, the animal trainer convicted of cruelty last month.

Chipperfield was found guilty on January 27 of 12 counts of cruelty to an 18-month-old chimpanzee. Trudy, who was kicked and whipped and spent 15 hours a day in a trikened box. The animal is ported to be thriving at Monkey World, an animal sanctuary in which it was placed ten months ago.

Jim Cronin, the owner of Monkey World, said yesterday: "Mary Chipperfield still has four other chimps in her possession and we are very worried about their safety." He said they included Trudy's brother, Teddy, five, a 27-year-old female believed to be her mother, and two others, one of which could be her father.

He added: "We want them here. She is clearly not a woman who can be trusted to look after these wonderful, sensi-



Trudy: recovering from being kicked and whipped

tive and highly social ani-

During her seven-day trial, Chipperfield. 61, said on oath that she regretted nothing and would do the same again. Immediately after her conviction, she indicated that she intended to return Trudy to her training quarters in Hampshire. Her counsel said that she could not be stopped, as the animal was owned by Mary Chipperfield Promotions Ltd, which had not been convicted.

Sir David and Jane Goodall a world-renowned expert on chimpanzees, have been assessing Trudy's progress at Monkey World, near Wareham, Dorset.

Sir David said a secretly filmed video of Chipperfield's abuse of Trudy, which led to her conviction, was an atrocity, "It is one of the most agonising things I have seen for a very long time."

Comparing the animal in the film to the excitable, boisterous, chimpanzee he saw at Monkey World yesterday, he said: "The idea that the law should be so inhuman as to remove that little infant from the company of her new family and return her to unspeakable conditions is intolerable."

Dr Goodall, who cares for over 100 orphaned chimpanzees in Africa, said Chipperfield should never be allowed to keep animals or work with them again. "Chimpanzees in the wild stay with their mother until they are at least five. Even then they still stay near her and help out with the other young ones." To take Trudy away now would be to re-orphan an orphan. "It cannot be allowed to happen."



Steve Etches with an ammonite he found on the Dorset coast near Kimmeridge. The plumber has become an expert on the area's fossil layer

Plumber makes his Jurassic mark

ONE man's obsession with fossil collecting has opened a window on the lost world of Britain's Jurassic past. Steve Etches, a plumber who left school without a qualification to his name, has single-handedly repopulated Britain's ancient seas with giant carnivorous reptiles, strange fish and swarms of swimming mollisses.

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Until recently geologists had little idea of the variety of creatures in the seas around and over Britain in the Jurassic era 150 million years ago. Mr Etches has changed that by studying the Kimmeridge Clay, long neglected because it was believed to contain few fossils of interest. Deposited across northern Europe in the Jurassic era, it was considered of importance mainly because of its oil.

Mr Etches, 49, first took an interest

A self-taught amateur has transformed the study of fossils, writes Simon de Bruxelles

in fossils in his late twenties, and decided to coocentrate oo the Kimmeridge Clay rather than the easy pickings at well-known sites such as Lyme Regis. Named after the Dorset village where he now lives, the clay is exposed in the

cliffs and beaches of the area.

The tropical Jurassic sea was deep and perfectly calm at the bottom, and a steady rain of sediment quickly buried the dead creatures that sank there. Some fossils are remarkably well preserved — even the soft parts normally lost, such as the ink sacs of squid and a ray's wings. By developing his own techniques and using compressed air

tools, Mr Etches was able to recover them from their shale shell.

The fossils include the two-metre jawbone of a pliosaur, the largest carnivorous reptile known to have lived, entire lobsters, sharks, turtles and shoals of beautifully preserved fish and fossil ammonites. The bones reveal a world in which the largest got larger and everthing else got eaten. Almost every bone shows signs of hav-

ing been someone's dinner.

Mr Etches, who moved to Kimmeridge to be closer to the deposits, said: "I was going around to museums telling them that what they thought

were scratches were tooth marks. Until 1 came along, this record of predation went almost unnoticed. Now everyone can see it."

Although he is consulted by palaeontologists from around the world, for five days a week he installs central heating systems. One day he hopes to open his collection to the public and work on his scientific papers, but he

He says his wife. Suc. and three children have no interest in fossils and think he is mad. Too often they have had to help to carry some promising-looking boulder back to his workshop.

Mr Etches has two regrets: "That I didn't begin collecting fossils earlier and that I can't afford to devote all my time to them. That is what I really

Blunkett rejects calls for inspector to resign

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

THE Education Secretary rejected calls vesterday for the resignation of Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, over his suggestion that affairs between teachers and sixth formers could be "educative on both sides".

ucative on both sides".

Mr Woodhead gave a series of interviews apologising for the remark, made in answer to a student teacher at a seminar almost a fortnight ago. He said the statement did not reflect his true views and had been made to reassure the questioner.

Academics dismissed claims that Mr Woodhead had been "set up" by opponents who were trying to make use of an affair he had with a former pupil 20 years ago. However, Toby Parkin, a secondary school trainee teacher on a four-year BEd course at Exeter University, was said last night to have asked Mr Woodhead the question because he knew about his affair.

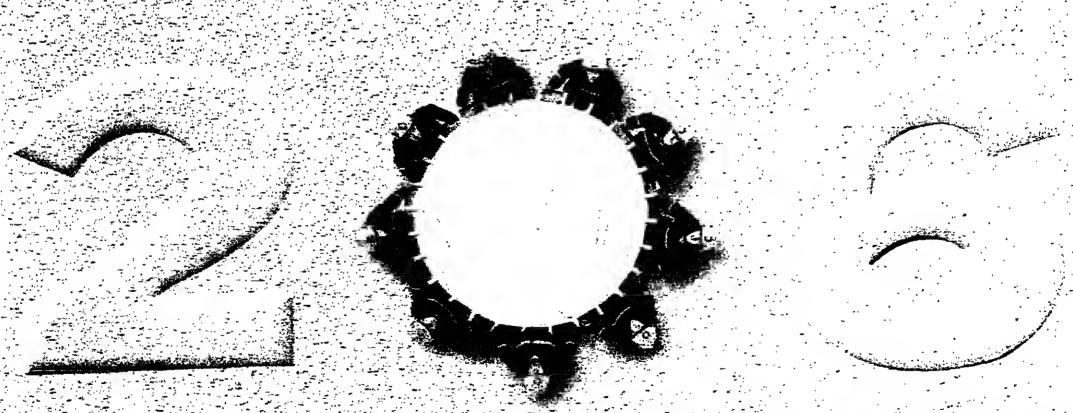
Another student said: "He was trying to catch him out. He doesn't agree with what he

has done."
David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the "gaffe" could undermine confidence in the Office for Standards in Education. "There must be a substantial question mark over his position."

However David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said Mr Woodhead soll had an important contribution to make to the scrudny of schools and the drive to improve standards.

"Despite what Chris Woodhead has acknowledged to be an unfortunate incident, I believe it does not prevent him from continuing to do his job effectively," he said.



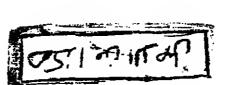


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A nation of prudes blamed for teenage pregnancy boom **RITAIN has the highest rate of teenage regnancy in Europe, largely because risk are embraressed to the large sex in Britain under the result issues are used incorps where sexual issues are diseased more openly, British recent the same from a survey to mark the start today of mark the s

BRITAIN has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Europe, largely because girls are embarrassed to talk about sex and frightened of their parents finding out that they have had it. Unlike other countries where sexual issues are discussed more openly. British reticence and prudish moral values mean that the sub-

ject is not properly handled. contraceptive awareness week, Brook Advisory Centres found that concern that GPs and counsellors could not keep a secret was the biggest deterrent to young people seeking advice. Legislation allows under-16s to receive treatment in confidence. The report says, however: "Fear that their parents will be told far outweighs any concerns about the results of unprotected sex. The lack of openness

provider of free sex advice and contraception to young people, was based on interviews with heterosexuals and homosexu-als aged 14 to 18. It found that they were worried they would be asked awkward questions or would be judged, belittled or condemned by advisers.

Older girls complained that, if they

asked for the Pill, they would be made to feel irresponsible. Boys, once they over-

ence"; girls swap thoughts and problems

with each other and tend to go to advice

centres with a friend to support them. The survey found that gay and lesbian youngsters were more cautious about approaching friends and parents for advice. If they are confused about their sexuality they are often quite isolated unless they have gay/lesbian friends or extremely liberal parents." They are less likely to ap-

so that youngsters are not worried that other people will laugh at them when they come in to ask for help.

"Adults often forget how difficult it is for young people to ask for sex advice and contraception," Alison Hadley, the Brook's national policy officer, said. This research is a powerful reminder of the anxieties and apprehensions that all too often deter teenagers from visiting

cies were caused by women's poor knowledge about how the Pill works. Forty-five per cent of the 300 girls questioned by the Brook were unaware that starting a course of the Pill late increased the risk of pregnancy. Thirty per cent were unaware that missing the regular time to take the Pill by 12 hours could cause it to fail, and 31 per cent did not know that a stomach disorder such as diarrhoea or vomiting

ring in the early evening or at lunchtime. Contraceptive Awareness Week ends on St Valentine's Day, which has been designated national impotence day by the impotence Association. Its aim is to encourage the two million men believed to suffer from crectile dysfunction to seek belp. The association said that embarrassment was one of the main reasons for not

Smear test trauma 'wrecked my life'

THE victim of a smear test mistake told last night how it led her into a spiral of drinking and depression and came close

to wrecking her marriage. Lesley Cannon is one of three women who will find out this month if they are to receive compensation for the trauma that followed false cervical screening results at Kent and Canterbury Hospital,

After considering herself free from disease, Mrs Cannon was appalled to learn that she had malignant cancer and turned to alcohol for comfort. Speaking for the first time about her ordeal, she said: "I thought, 'I'm going to die and I haven't had a life.' I was the mother of three young children, but I suddenly wanted to go out when I wanted. I didn't

think I'd lived enough.
"It was selfish and destructive and I even started regretting having the kids," the 39-year-old civil servant said. The love and support of her husband, Paul, has helped

Mrs Cannon to pull through the sudden and unexpected di agnosis of three years ago, and the trauma of a painful hysterectomy. Both carry the emotional scars.

Mr Cannon, 33, also a civil servant, said: "It got so bad at home that I once told Lesley it would have been easier if she had died from the cancer."

The Cannons' story of human strength and frailty, and others like it, lie behind the Mother awaiting judge's ruling on compensation tells Richard Duce of descent into drink and despair

bald statistics of the failings of the hospital laboratory to spot the first indications of cervical cancer during routine smear tests. Eight women died, a fur-ther 30 needed hysterectomies and hundreds of others required treatment.

Compensation of more than El million has already been paid to more than 40 women, but East Kent Health Authority is resisting the liability claims by Mrs Cannon and two other women, Helen Palmer and Sandra Penney. They are awaiting the imminent ruling by Judge John Peppitt, QC, who has described the case as "difficult and important". In litigation that culminated

in the High Court case held at Canterbury over two weeks last month, eminent experts have clashed over whether screeners at the hospital should have spotted abnormalities in the smear tests. Health authority experts said that. even with advances made over the past five years, the offend-ing smears would still be passed as borderline or negative. Not so, argued doctors for malities should have been spotted and so saved the women

The case has highlighted the disparities between screening centres around the country. Experts for the defence were called from Leeds and Chesterfield, while lawyers for the three women relied on those from Hammersmith Hospital in West London and from Not-

Sarah Harman, solicitor for the three women, said: "The evidence of the experts shows that pathologists have widely differing views about what can be achieved in cervical screening. The outcome of the case is likely to affect women's confidence in the screening



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We the undersigned are representatives of the library, information, education and archive professions speaking on behalf

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permission or additional payments. The crucial debate will take place in the European Parliament in Strasbourg on the 9-

Although the Copyright Directive is intended to harmonise and strengthen European copyright laws - an objective which

is fully supported by our professions - it should not be so tight that reasonable access given by libraries to educational

and cultural materials is blocked. The main reason for the proposed tightening of the law is in order to combat music

piracy on the Internet. Copying and using copyright works undertaken in libraries, archives and educational institutions

The traditional fair practice exceptions for copying for research or private study presently allowed under UK law and

backed hy international copyright treaties are under threat by amendments to the Directive which will outlaw reasonable

private copying on digital equipment and allow all lawful uses to be blocked and charged for by technical means. Added

to this the home recording of a television programme will be made unlawful thus harming all consumers but especially

The Directive is harming consumers at the expense of large multinational media conglomerates. Our professions

maintain, and the Government agrees, that everyone should be given equal access to the digital world. This will not

There is a societal need to maintain a balance between the rights of authors and the public interests in particular for

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For further information contact Ross Shimmon of The Library Association (0171 636 7543) or Frank Harris of the

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this need was confirmed by 157 nations in the Preamble of the recently adopted WIPO Copyright Treaty.

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process, which has already been damaged by blunders in several hospitals." Mrs Cannon, who has four

children by a previous marriage, had smear tests at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in 1986 and 1992. Both, she was told, were negative. By early 1996, she had moved and another smear was taken. In the weeks and months that followed, she learnt that the test was abnormal, as was a rescreen as All Saints Hospital in Chatham, and eventually that cancer had spread throughout her womb. She was told that unless she had an immediate hysterectomy. she would die.

"As soon as I knew I had cancer, the drinking started," she said. 'The first Christmas was awful. I pulled down all the decorations because 1 didn't think anyone should be enjoying themselves. Paul decided that both of us needed

professional counselling." It was only after her operation that Mrs Cannon was told how far the cancer had spread over a number of years. Doctors who gave evidence for the women said the warning signs had been there in the 1992 test.

The drinking has stopped. but Mrs Cannon still gets depressed: "My husband and Prozac have helped me to cope." The effect on Mrs Penney

36, who can never have chil-dren, is such that she does not want to talk about the case.



Lesley Cannon: "My husband and Prozac have helped me to cope," she said

Mrs Palmer, also 36 and a three years ago, he was run- cer has not returned. You have "To find our that none of this should have happened was almost as bad as being told I

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mother of two, is more vocal. ning the risk of losing his wife to live with the constant fear "To find out that none of this and the mother to his children." that it could come back. "None of us has had a proper letter of apology. I feel very

strongly that I am not only pursuing this for myself and my family, but for those eight women who died."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Last Diana aide resigns from fund

Jackie Allen, former secretary to Diana, Princess of Wales. has given notice of her resignation from the Princess's memorial fund. Her departure next Monday will sever the final link with the team who worked at Kensington Palace before the Princess's death in August 1997.

The resignation comes a few weeks after her butler, Paul Burrell, lost his job working with Ms Allen in the fundraising section of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. At the time, Ms Allen, 35, criticised the fund for not supporting Mr Burrell.

Mother accused

A woman is due in court today, charged with murderight her son, Shirley Jordan, 61, 50 Fulham, will appear at West London Magistrates' Court accused of the murder on Saturday of Joseph Jordan. 41, of the same address.

Santa in surgery

Nigel Rogoff, the RAF parachutist who hit a football stand while dressed as Father Christmas, is having up to four uperations a week on his injured leg to cootrol an infection. Flight Sergeant Rogoff, 39. is in City Hospital, Birmingham.

White way to go

Grampian Fire Brigade is to paint its fleet of 56 engines white after studies showed that red was the most difficult colour to see in darkness and that motorists bad difficult? in seeing its appliances in the glare of street lighting.

Student holidays

An estimated 1.5 million students will travel abroad this ammer, with Australia, Thailand and India popular destinations, a survey has found. Many go in their "gap year" before university, but others in the year after graduating.

Triple charge

Sotiris Mehmet, 31, of Wood Green, North London, will appear at Enfield Magistrates Court today on three charges of attempted murder and rape. The attacks are alleged to have occurred in the North London area in 1994 and 1996.

Fair Birmingham is occupy-ing all 1.2 million square fect of the huge venue.

Royal warrant runs out of puff after 123 years

BENSON and Hedges cigarettes are to lose the royal coat of arms from their boxes after the decision to withdraw the royal warrant from the tobacco company Gallaher.

Buckingham Palace said that the decision to end an association going back to 1876 was made because of a decline in royal smoking. Cigarettes are supplied for Palace guests, but most of the Royal Family do not smoke and the Prince of Wales is known to be a strong

A Palace spokesman, however, confirmed that Queen Elizaboth the Ouern Mother would continue to grant warrants to John Player and a London cigar supplier.

Clive Bates, director of Ac-tion on Smoking and Health, said last night: "This is an imsymbolic break-



the arms will be dropped

through." More than 120,000 people in Britain die each year from smoking-related diseases and the Queen's family has not escaped. Her father, George VI, a heavy smoker, died aged 56 from suffering lung cancer. George V. also a smoker, suffered bronchial infection before his death and Edward VII, who smoked ci-gars, died in 1910 from bron-chial complications. Princess Margaret, 68, is said to have given up her 60-a-day habit because of health scares. Bill O'Neill, ethics and science adviser to the British Medical Association, said: "Over many years we have ex-

pressed concern about the

presence of the royal warrant on a product that is known to cause so much disease, disability and death." A Buckingham Palace spokesman said that the decision would not have been taken by the Queen, but by the Royal Warrant Holders' Association. "If the level of provi-

is likely to be reviewed and taken away," he said. There are currently more than 800 holders of royal warrants. Other products that have lost their warrant include Booth's gin, in 1996, and Guinness the year before."

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A fair record

The biggest trade fair held in Britain, beating the record set by the 1851 Great Exhibition. opened at the National Exhibition Centre yesterday. Spring

Blair voted spiritual leader

TONY BLAIR is the moral and spiritual leader of Britain. with the sacked England football coach Glenn Hoddle not far behind, according to a poli carried out after Hoddle's remarks about the disabled. The Prime Minister finished ahead of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Cardinal Basil Hnme and the Queen in a survey of 2,000 people in Eog-

The Sunday Times. The survey asked who provided the best moral and spiritual leadership from a choice of 35 public figures. The rest of the top ten were

land and Wales conducted by

the Chief Rabbi, Dalai Lama. the Prince of Wales. Terry Waite, the Princess Royal and Baroness Thatcher. The top ten for those aged between 15 and to was: Sir Bobby Charlton, the Prince of Wales, Sean Connery. Steven Spielberg. the Queen. Tony Blair, the Princess Royal, Trevor Mc-Donald, Robbie Williams and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Hoddle was 21st in the adult table and 15th among

A professor of sociology

said that Mr Blair appealed to a strong spirituality that remained in society despite the drop in numbers going to

James Beckford, from Warwick University, said: "Al-though church attendance is declining, many people have not lost their interest in religious and spiritual themes. Many of the statements Blair makes resonate with those who have not lost their spiritual musicality."

The survey as a whole, he said, showed the dominant influence of the mass media on society. The list shows the fixation there is with media-type celebrities. It lacks evidence of any influence from literary. philosophical or artistic

"But it does illustrate the weakening of local society. People are out going to hear from their local clergy so much these days; information is beamed to them instead.

from more central sources.
"Most of us are now part of an audience, we are not part of a congregation. People

have turned away from reli-

gious organisations towards celebrities who dominate the mass media

"Similarly football is so popular that it is not surprising that footballers do well. It is surprising that Sir Bohby Charlton has come top among the 15 to 16-year-olds.

are older than them, know less every year about the 1960s. But Sir Bobby's media image is of a man of enormous personal integrity - as well as having been a superb



Glenn Hoddle: 21st on list





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Mugabe denounces British 'saboteurs'

ZIMBABWE was yesterday gripped by its gravest diplo-matic and constitutional criss since independence in 1980 after President Mugabe accused Britain of infiltrating agents to undermine him and threatened to dismiss judges critical of his human rights

In an unscheduled broadcast to the nation, Mr Mugabe said two journalists who claimed they were tortured in the custody of military police had forfeited the protection of the law by fabricating reports of a coup plot among soldiers opposed to Zimbabwe's intervention in the war in the Republic of Congo.

Mr Mugabe, 75, accused Zimbabwe's 70,000 whites of fomenting unrest. "Let me state this quite emphatically they have pushed our sense of racial tolerance to the limit." he said in an emoconal and rambling 25-minute address.

Members of the European Union, the United States, Japan, Canada, and Australia, which have protested over the

In confronting judges, the Harare leader has attacked 'agents in our midst', writes Michael Hartnack

treatment of Mark Chavunduka, editor of the Zimbabwe Standard, and Ray Choto, a reporter, were yesterday understood to be seeking full

transcripts of the broadcast.
Diplomacc sources believe Mr Mugabe has discredited pledges of government reform which he made last month to the International Monetary Fund, in the hope of \$88 million (£55 million) in support for the stricken economy.

However, David Coltart, a human rights lawyer named by Mr Mugabe among whites bent on ruining the national unity and loyalty of our people", said the gravest immediare threat was to the judges now facing removal for protesting at repeated contempts of court by ministers over the journalists' treatment.

Mr Mugabe claimed he had

the constitutional power to appoint judges and said those who had called for assurances that he would observe the rule of law were guilty of "unter indiscretion . . an outrageous act of judicial impudence".

They could not be impartial in future cases involving the Zimbabwe Standard nor. he implied, pending appeals by 841 white farmers against seizure of their land for redistribuoon to black Zimbabweans. Anthony Gubbay, the Brit-

ish-born Chief Justice, was out of the country when Supreme Court judges Nicholas McNal-ly, Simbarashe Muchechetere and Wilson Sandura last month sent a letter warning of 'a descent into anarchy" to Mr Mugabe. This was backed by Mr Justice Ishmail Adam on behalf of the 27 judges of the High Court bench. Chief Jus-

tice Gubbay yesterday maintained silence on the crisis.

Mr Mugabe said peace was "clearly being undermined by some white persons of British extraction who have been planted in our midst to undertake acts of sabotage aimed at affecting the loyalty of not just our people in general but also that of vital arms of government like the army, so these can turn against the legitimate Government of this country."

Mr Mugabe said whites must atone for the sins of their evil past . . . let them be warned that, unless their insidious acts cease, my Government will not hesitate in taking stern measures against them and those who have elected to be their puppets."

Geoffrey Nyarota, editor-in-chief of the new Associated Newspapers group, which plans to challenge Mr Mugabe's monopoly of the stateowned press, yesterday confirmed that Tony O'Reilly, the Irish magnate, had abandoned plans for a 14 per cent



One of 20,000 brides uses binoculars to follow proceedings as the Rev Sun Myung Moon conducts a mass marriage ceremony at Seoul's Olympic stadium. As the

Moonstruck newlyweds

fication Church blessed the 40,000 newlyweds yesterday. millions of other "Moonies" around the world took part

in the "Blessiog '99" service via a live satellite broadcast and the loternet. Most of the

countries taking part in the the controversial South Korean leader's annual ceremony were said to have been matched through photoor days beforehand. (AFP)

WORLD SUMMARY

Ethiopia conflict resumes

Nairobi: Ethiopia and Eritrea said their forces were engaged in full-scale conflict along their disputed border, after the first outbreak of clashes since hundreds of people were killed in fighting between the two countries last May (Robin Lodge writes).

Ethiopia accused Eritrea of bombing Ethiopian positions on Friday near the disputed enclave of Badme. occupied by Eritrean forces in last year's clashes. Eritrea said that Ethiopia had started the offensive with ground troops backed by helicopter gunships.

Activist kills himself

Tuns out

23 years

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Karachi: Agha Jehangir Khan, 35 – a Pakistan People's Party activist confined to a wheelchair since being wounded in 1986 when opposing the then military Government - shot himself dead at a Sukkur news conference in southern Sindh.He said: "I have fought for democracy but now I am helpless." (AFP)

China seizes dissident

Beijing: Wang Zechen, a dissident who challenged the Communist Party by helping to form branches of the banned Chinese Democraoc Party last week, was arrested as China prepared for a human rights dia-logue with the European Union in Berlin today (James Pringle writes).

Exiled King in custody



Johannesburg: The exiled King Leka Zog of Albania. above, spent the weekend in a South African prison after police raided his home and seized weapons (Ray Kennedy writes). The raid came after President Mandela withdrew his diplomatic privileges.

France loses last cavalier

Paris: Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Ballarin, who in January 1941 led the last charge on horseback in the history of the French cavalry. against the Italians at Umberga in Eritrea, died aged 85. friends said. (Reuters)



Monica Lewinsky's face adorns packs of special cigars now selling well in the Philippines

Clinton accusers rejected by own party

By Damian Whitworth IN WASHINGTON

WITh the impeachment trial of President Clintoo expected to end in acquittal this week. it appeared last night that even Republican support for convic-tion was dwindling.

It has been clear for some time that the required two thirds of the 100-member Senate will not find the President guilty of the charges before them and remove him from

But, in a blow to the Republican members of the House of Representatives who are acting as prosecutors, a sizeable group of senators from their own party have been suggesting that they will find Mr Clinton guilty of obstructing justice. However, they are unconvinced that he lied under oath about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Disquiet aboot the effectiveness of the prosecution which signals that the trial inquest will be long and painful -does not mean that senators regard Mr Clinton as innocent of perjury. But they have not been persuaded that his conduct rises to the level of an impeachable offence.

"Most everybody agrees, to some degree, there's been some lying, there's been some obstruction of justice. You have different views. I guess. as to what you do about it." said Craig Thomas, a Republican senator.

Closing arguments begin today with a vote oo the articles of impeachment likely by Friday. It remains unclear whether a simple majority of senators could pass an additional "finding of facts" motion finding Mr Clinton guilty but not removing him from office.

Democrats hope Republicans will then join them instead in rebuking Mr Clinton with a censure motion. But there would clearly be some battles over wording.

Controversy erupted yesterday over Sidney Blumenthal, the senior aide, who testified last week that the President had told him Ms Lewinsky was a "stalker". He was seen on vidcotape denying responsibility for that description being leaked to the press early in the scandal.

But Christopher Hitchens a Washington-based British journalist, has signed an affidavit stating the description was used several times during

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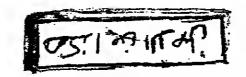
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First step taken to Kosovo deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN RAMBOUILLET AND ANTHONY LOYD IN PRISTINA

THE first tentative steps towards any peace deal between ethnic Albanian guerrillas and Serbian and Yugoslav officials remained hidden behind the gates of Chateau Rambouillet yesterday.

The sleepy little suburb of Paris was engulied by the satellite dishes off the more inquisitive.

and digital technology of the modern media bandwagon, but by nightfall few were any the wiser as to whether any real dialogue between the two warring sides had

been established. The various spokesmen charged with briefing the press corps gave out what slim pickings of information there were: rior police backed by batteries of ano-aircraft missiles within the chateau grounds were on hand to put

Only hours after the negotiations opened, three ethnic Albanians were killed in a bomb explosion in the centre of Pristina on Saturday. The attack was the latest in a series

of grenade attacks on Pristina cafés over the past week which have brought the war to the city. The recent wave of attacks have hit both Serb and Albanian bars and appear to have been triggered by the killing of 24 Albanians by Serb

security forces nine days ago. Differing from the previous pattern, in both its power and target-ing. Saturday's device went off outside a mini-market. The three dead, who included a woman and teen-

Serbian Orthodox priests, invited as observers to the Paris talks, have their passports checked at Belgrade airport yesterday age girl, were shredded into pieces. In Rambouillet, the US spokesman, Phil Reeker, emerged to read a statement agreed by both Serbs oous issues".

pendence for Kosovo. A Western diplomat dismissed such Serb claims as "pure spin".

and Albanians denouncing the Pris-

tina bomb. Later, Serb sources

claimed a ten-point list of principles had been concluded which spoke

about autonomy rather than inde-

said, was "a clearing of under-growth so that they can at least begin talking about the less conten-

These, he said, included the make-up of a new parliament for Kosovo, and details of how to establish a customs union and single market with the rest of Yugoslavia. An option for a territorial split of Kosovo - now much favoured by the Serbs - was not on the table, he

There are no maps here, and that's the big difference with the Dayton conference for Bosnia," he said. "But I can't rule it out for next

The splendours of Rambouillet, a favourite haunt for both Louis XVI and Napoleon, were a world away from the blighted Balkan province. Speaking on his mobile phone while jogging off a heavy lunch. one source described a buffet of

hot dishes of prawns, and a beef casserole, chocolate mousse and "a wide selection of other puddings".

It was quite possible for the Kosovo Liberadon Army team and the Serbs to bump into one another while heading for this feast. although their negotiating rooms were separated. The Franco-Briosh delegation that set up the conference insisted that no provocative insignia or imagery be used by



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in jeopardy as his party looks to the right The other day the ex-Chancellor. Helmut **INSIDE GERMANY**

Kohl's vision

Kobl. was tucking into a slap-up meal at his favourite Bonn restaurant, Il Punto. with Romano Prodi, the former Italian Prime Minister. On the other side of the room, Oskar Lafontaine, the Finance Minister, was also enjoying his food.

In some ways. Il Punto has become the canteen of the German political class, Suddenly an emissary interrupted Herr Kohl - Gerhard Schröder. the Chancellor, would be nonoured if his predecessor and Professor Prodi could come around for a conversation that evening. Herr Kohl is not a man to refuse a second din-

ner and was soon on his way. This is by way of explaining what Herr Kohl is up to. While he broods over his memoirs, he has become an informal international consultant taking calls from Bill Clinton and Jacques Santer. But he is also a backbencher who makes occasional appearances at meetings of the Christian Democratic leadership. Banquo's ghost in Bonn. Naturally, this is slowing down the debate about whether dumping the Kohl legacy is the necessary precondition for scrambling back to power.

How in resuscitate German Christian democracy, whether to inject it with a dose of Thatcher-style conservatism, is the most intriguing riddle in Bonn. Will the Opposition follow the siren call of Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister, and become more Eurosceptical? Will it break with the German consensus on Europe? Will it lurch towards the right, take on a more clearly contoured national conservatism?

These questions lurked behind yesterday's Hesse state elections, which were perhaps the lirst, indirect voter verdict on Herr Schröder's Social Democrat-Green Government. The Social Democrats and Greens lost heavily, and if early projections are reliable may lose power in the region. For the Christian Democrats, who emerged as the strongest party under Roland Koch, the vote could mark a

Herr Koch - who has the charisma of a block of wood - had talked up the "threat" of foreigners being granted double citizenship. That, and unemployment was enough to whip up support, if the Christian Democratic cam-



DI KUUDK DULE

paign for other regional elections is fuelled by an anti-im-migration mood, Wolfgang Schauble, the party's national leader, will be fatally compro-mised. So will his efforts to keep some of the policy conti-nuities from the Kohl era. Next year Christian Democrats must work out who will challenge Herr Schröder in 2002. The best bet now is that Herr Stoiber will get the job.

Some serious groundwork has to be completed before a Bavarian can lead Germany from Prussian Berlin. Herr Stoiber has to find themes on truly national causes. One is the question of immigration. It was Herr Stoiber who forced the pace on the current nationwide petition against government plans to extend citizenship rights to long-term

o far more than one million Germans have signed their opposition to the draft law. The tone around the trestle-tables set up in shopping precincts by the Christian Democrats is nasty. Signatories questioned about their motives often spit out xenophobic drivel. Herr Stoiber's other big cause is Europe — hostility to Agenua 2000, to any tinkering with the common agricultural poli-cy. worries about rapid eastward enlargement, contempt for Brussels bureaucracy and fraud, and a very obvious re-

luctance to celebrate the euro.
After the Hesse vote, the Christian Democrats will start gearing up for the European elections. Then it will become clear how quickly the party is willing to drop Herr Kohl overboard in the pursuit of voters. The unspoken assumption is that it was Herr Kohl who lost the last elecoon. Soon this view will be spoken out loud and we will see how much of the Kohl European vision survives. Mean-time. t shall be keeping my eyes open at Il Punto.

Vatican is accused by shot Guard's mother

Rome: The mother of a Swiss Guardsman who the Vatican says shot his commander and committed suicide accused Varican officials yesterday of covering up the truth in their fioal report, to be released today, which declares the case "shelved" (Richard Owen

Mugette Baudat-Tornay, who lives in Switzerland, said she had "documentary proof" that her son. Vice-Corporal

Cedric Tornay, had been killed with two others as part

accept the official version of the tragedy and halt her own investigations. Colonel Alois Estermann, 44, his Venezuelan wife Gladys, 49, and Tor-nay. 23, were found dead from gunshot wounds inside the Vatican last May.



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of a "Vatican plot."

She said she had been threatened by "emissaries from Rome", who warned her to about your



Christopher Walker reports from Amman on the problem posed by a gathering of some 40 heads of state

EXTRAORDINARY security precautions will be in place for the burial this morning of king Hussein, an event to be attended by at least 40 heads of state and described by one official as "the diplomatic fu-neral of the century".

Although President Saddam Hussein of neighbouring Iraq is not expected to attend. Iraqi representatives and those from other radical regimes -perhaps even Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya - will take their places behind the cortège with Prince Charles, Tony Blair, President Clinton and a prominent delegation of Israelis including Binyamin Netanyahu, the hardline Prime Minister, Mr Netanyahu's presence has already been denounced angrily by Jordanian opposition politicians.

The real threat is the large number of Iraqi agents; maybe thousands are known to operate inside Jordan and might want a chance to take revenge on the two leaders who recently ordered the lat-

est bombing of Baghdad in Operarion Desert Fox." said one Western security expert. He added: "Islamic extremists inside Jordan are not expected to cause mouble, out

of respect for the dead King. But for the Iraqis, it is probably the only chance they will ever have of having both Clinton and Blair in their sights. Frankly, it is going to be a secu-

rity nightmare."
Diplomats were comparing the funeral to that in Cairo in 1981 for Anwar Sadat after his assassination by Muslim gunmen. Then security fears were so great that the besuited ON OTHER PAGES

world leaders were called or to jog, rather than walk, in an attempt to reduce the chances of an attack.

Apart from the two Western leaders most closely identified with the campaign to topple Saddam, the other main security concern will surround the unusually large party of Israe lis who have announced their desire to pay their last respects to an Arab leader universally admired by Jews.

Leading the party from Jerusalem will be President Weizman. Apart from the Prime Minister - whose attitude to peace was often roundly attacked by the late Jordanian monarch - other Israelis will include Ariel Sharon, the

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Minister, Dan Tichon, the Parliamentary Speaker, mir, the hawkish Minister.

Shirnon Peres. the former leader of the Labour Party, and his successor, Ehud Barak, a former chief of staff and com-mander who carried our operations behind Arab lines, will attend.

"You will have among the mourners Israelis and representatives of many of the countries with which they are still technically at

war," said one Arab diplomat. "We do not know the exact identities of all the delegations and Gaddafi is one of those who could surprise us all -



Jordanian mourners outside the Hussein Medical Centre in Amman express their grief after hearing the news of King Hussein's death vesterday.

tria and Adolph Ogi, Switzerland's Vice-President, will also anend. The office of the Czech



his son was here in person last week to pay his respects to [then Crown Prince] Abdullah." he added.

leaders announced their intention of attending, including Egypt's President Mubarak, who as Sadat's successor is a number

one target for many Islamic fundamentalists, and Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

As with the Jerusalem funeral in 1995 of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister, when king Hussein was one of the most prominent mourners, the secret services

an leaders will include Presiof various countries will be on dent Chirae of France, accomthe ground in force to protect panied by his wife, Berntheir own leaders and to supadene, as well as Gerhard port the heavy Jordanian secu-Schröder, the German Chan-cellor, and Wim Kok, the

rity presence. Apart from Mr Blair, who vesterday said the late monarch was "a thoroughly decent

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President said that Vaclay Havel hoped in attend, despite recent ill health. The world's remaining royaity will also be strongly represented. Prince

Charles will repre-6 Mubarak, sent the Queen.

whose official visit to Jordan in 1984 as Sadat's was dogged by bomb threats and one allack by the successor, Abu Nidal terror organisation. The whole of the immeis seen as a diate Spanish Royal Family will be number present. Queen Beatrix of The Nethone target? erlands also will attend, as well as King Albert and

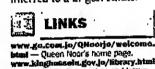
Oueen Paola of Belgium. Iran did not announce its intennons, but issued a broadside against the new Jordantan King as "inexperienced" for claims in his first press interview that Tehran remained a threat to some Gulf states. President McAleese of Ire-King Hussein will be buried land. President Klestil of Aus-

before noon prayers at the Hasheinite burial ground within the walls of the Royal Palace in Amman - within 24 hours of his death at 11.43am local time on Sunday. The King will be buried next to his

father, King Talal, and grandfather. King Abdullah, shrouded in a simple white cloth, in accordance with Islamic

custom. His mortal remains will first be transported in a coffin, draped in the Jordanian flug atop an armoured vehicle, to the family cemetery. The coffin will be carried the last few

yards to the burial site, probably hy male members of the Royal Family before the body is interred to a 21-gun salute.



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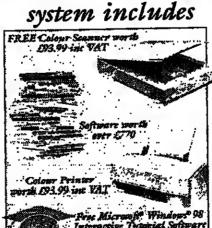


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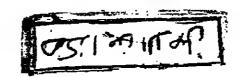
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Young Queen will need her healing touch



Christopher Walker profiles the new King's respected wife, who is a pioneer of charitable causes

THE accession of King Abdullah II to the Hashemite throne has also thrust into the spotfight his Palesrinian wife, Rania. Photogenic, highly intelligent and modest, at 28 she seems destined to become an international role model like Hussein's widow. Queen Noor, and to be seen as a successor to the mantle of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, as a dazzling royal involved in charitable causes

As well as having a crucial role as a Palestinian in helping to unify a nation whose population is uncomfortably divided between the 60 per cent majority of Palestinian descent and the 40 per cent East Bank Arabs of Beduin tribal stock. Queen Rania will also have to mend the internal divisions in the ruling family worsened by the palace intrigues which scarred the last months of Hussein's 47-year reign.

"It will be the task of Rania to try to bring the relatives of the late King together and to my to heal the breaches that led to feuds deeply damaging to the future of the kingdom." said an Amman businessman. "She will have succeeded if she can dampen the rumours about jealousy and family promotion that have become part of our life these last weeks."

Being fully of Arab blood and also a Muslim from a well-established family that

moved, like so many enterprising Palestinian families, to Kuwait. Queen Rania is being compared with Hussein's third wife, Alia, also a beaunful Palestinian with West Bank roots, who died in a helicopter crash in 1977. Unlike Princess Muna (née Toni Gardiner), the Ipswich-

born mother of the new King. and Queen Noor, previously Lisa Halaby, daughter of an American family of Lebanese descent. Queen Rania will not have the handicap of being regarded as foreign. Rania al-Yassin was born

on August 31, 1970, in Kuwait where her father was a doctor. After the 1991 Gulf War, like most of the 300,000 Palesunians then living in the oil-rich emirate, the al-Yassin family was forced to leave after being accused of co-operating with the Iraqi occupiers. They moved to Jordan. "Rania met

through mutual acquaintances in Amman and immediately changed his life, persuading him to abandon the fast living for which he had been previously known," said one Jorda-nian source. "At the time, she had been thinking of marry-ing someone else, but with the Prince it was an instant love

Since their wedding on June 10, 1993, at a glittering ceremony presided over by Hussein.



Queen Rania with Prince Hussein, her elder son, who was born to her and Abdullah in 1994

Mrs Faisal added: "Many

Jordanians are very happy

that their new Oueen is a seri-

ous-minded but very pretty

Arab. Noor was seen as too

Westernised, too ambidous for

and Iman, in 1996, "Rania is in 1997, Jordan's only woman one of the most intelligent members of the Royal Family. well versed and genuinely interested in world literature when I met her we had a lone conversacion about Dostoevsky," said Toujan Faisal, a originated in the West Bank the couple have had two chilleading member of the Oppositown of Tulkarm and later dren, Hussein, born in 1994, tion and, until she lost her sear too into the glitty world of lav-

ish spending and Western fashion for the Queen of a sober Muslim nation." Queen Noors duriful and

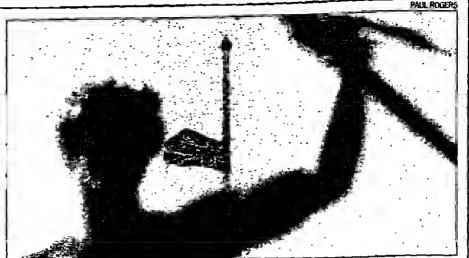
touching attention to her dying husband did much to silence her opponents. But Mrs Faisal, an acerbic critic of the Royal Family, said: "In the West, we know that Queen Noor is something of a glamour figure, much admired in the media. Here in Jordan. men and women alike found

her not really part of the na-tion like Rania will be."
As well as being regarded as a good mother. Queen Rania has raised eyebrows and won praise from the less conservative members of Jordanian society by establishing a help systent for battered and abused children, standing up for chil-dren's rights and tackling issues often regarded as taboo.

As the struggle for the suc-cession intensified behind the scenes. Rania had to endure rumours spread by backers of her rivals, the Pakistan-born Princess Sarvath, the widely disliked wife of the deposed Crown Prince Hassan, 51, and Queen Noor, who was promot-ing the idea of her 18-year-old son. Hamzah, becoming heir apparent.

She brushed off the rumours and managed to blend her traditional background with a modern image belitting a new generation of Hashemite royals by being seen eaong with her family in Animan's Hard Rock Café. "She is a very intelligent young woman, kind and unaffected, as members of the al-Yassin family often are," said

one Amman-based diplomat. For the outside world, the most poignant images of her came on January 19 at Amman's Marka airport when the King returned after six months of a supposedly successful cancer treatment at the controls of his plane and she was seen on television wiping away tears. 'They were tears of joy," a close friend said. "Like all of us at the time, she



The Buckingham Palace flag flying at half mast yesterday for King Hussein

World hails King whose majesty was of the spirit

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON AND CHRIS BROADHURST

KING HUSSEIN'S death was mourned by world leaders across religious and polit-

ical boundaries. Tony Blair said the King was "a remarkable man, a man of courage and integrity; but above all a man of extraordinary inner strength and humility. We thank him for his life, for his work, his dedication to peace."

Baroness Thatcher said:

'No one can ever take his place. He will have a very distinguished place in history."

President Climton said the King was a magnificent man whose nobility came from his character not his title. "Many times his life was threatened but each brush with mortality ennobled REACTION

him. He grew in wisdom and so did Jordan. He grew in stature and so did Jordan." Mr Clinton singled out his

determination to ensure that a Middle East peace deal was signed at the Wye summit last year. "It was not going too well and he came out and within a few minutes changed the tenor of the meeting. The smallest man in the room was the largest. The frailest, the strongest. The man with the least time reminded us that we were working not just for ourselves but for eternity. Today my friend is in paradise and

faithful servant." Henry Kissinger, former US Secretary of State, said: "He was the leader of

God has welcomed home a

the smallest country with the smallest population and the least resources of all the nations participating in the peace process, but through his diplomacy he demonstrated what leadership and moral conviction can achieve."

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, said: "The world mourns the passing of a King whose true majesty found expression in a lifelong struggle to bring peace to the ordinary men and women of the Middle East." Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, said he was a man of courage and fideli-

ty [who] devoted his reign to the pursuit of development and security for his country". Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor, said he had acted with "wisdom, far-

sightedness and tireless per-

Israel mourns a 'loyal friend'

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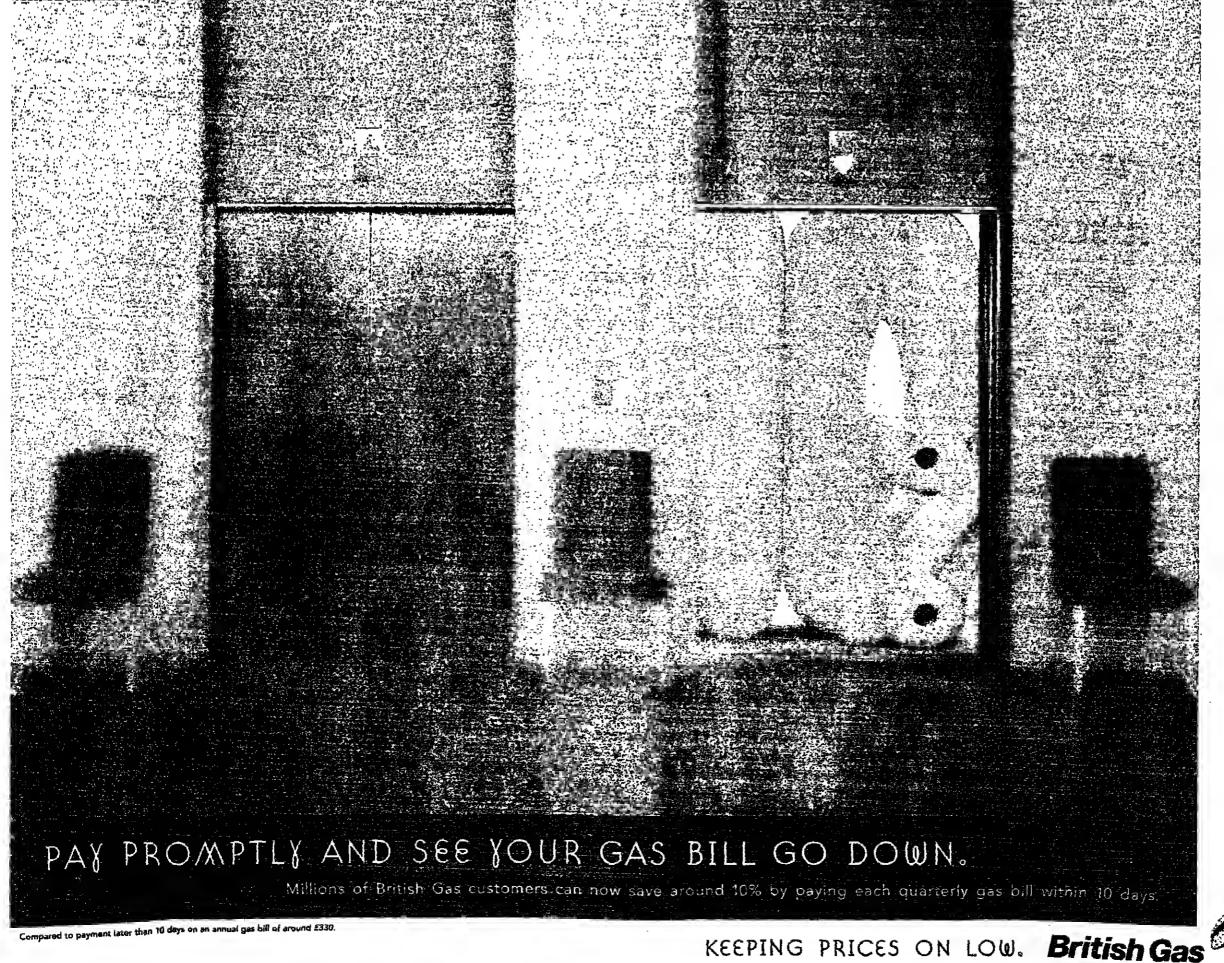
THE Israeli Prime Minister called a special Cabinet meeting to discuss all the consequences of the King's death, and Israel's elections, set for May 17, may be postponed.

Afterwards Binyamin Netanyahu said: "The Government and people of Israel bow their heads in grief over the passing of King Hussein. ue in his way and stru the peace between us.

a courageous leader, a loyal friend, a maker of peace in Israel. King Hussein was one of the few leaders who is recognised, even in his lifetime, as an historic figure.

"On a more personal level, there was no one more gracious, considerate and kind. No one more hospitable or generous ... We are certain his son, Abdullah, will continue in his way and strengthen

President Weizman said: "King Hussein was one of the great leaders of the 20th century ... We in Israel and all in the Middle East have a duty to follow his path of peace." Ehud Barak, the Opposition leader, said the King took part in the wars against Israel, but the moment he realised there would be no stability and security in the region he jumped into the cold



Abdullah vows to preserve legacy

By Christopher Walker IN AMMAN

THE Middle East moved into an uncertain era yesterday when its longest-serving ruler, King Hussein of Jordan, was pronounced dead from lymphatic cancer and was succeed-ed by his untested eldest son, King Abdullah II.

Looking uncannily like his father, his head swathed in a red-and-white chequered keffi-yeh, the new half-British King appeared on television to lead a shattered nation in mourning soon after his father's official death at 11.43am.

He called for unity in a desert kingdom divided al-most equally between Palestinians and tribal Arabs. He also pledged to maintain his fa-ther's policies, which included the 1994 peace with Israel widely unpopular among ordinary Jordanians but regarded as vital for stability in a region whose leaders are becoming increasingly elderly and unwell All eyes in the Middle East will be focused on the new



and the United States.

economic inexperience.

screens, Jordan's new leader

King in the coming months to see whether he deviates from his father's legacy.

In one recent interview in the London-based al-Hayat newspaper, for example, King Abdullah was quick to emphasise that Iran remained a threat to some Gulf states. Tehran described him as a rank amateur, insisting that "his position will change when

he gains more experience". The novice 37-year-old leader of a country sandwiched precariously between Israel and the Arab dictatorships of Iraq and Syria, a former Special Forces commander with only two weeks' experience as heir

loyalty, like one family." in an impressive show of family unity after weeks of ru-

mours, feuds and palace in-trigue, the new King stood close during the televised swearing-in ceremony to his uncle, Prince Hassan, 5l. who was deposed from the position portrait of his father. He read slowly and haltingly in broken Arabic — a legacy of his Eng-lish mother, Princess Muna. of Crown Prince after 34 years in one of the last acts of the late King, who accused him of abusing power. and an education in Britain The two later embraced

and brother to all of your and

pledged: "We will preserve

Hussein's legacy by building a

strong Jordan, and I ask every-

one to remain united in their

warmly, signalling that Prince The new King was de-scribed by many tear-stained Jordanian officials as "a chip Hassan is likely to stay on in some senior advisory capacity, rather than go into voluntary exile with his family in Engoff the old block", who would be helped by the old guard to overcome his diplomatic and land, as had been reported by Israel television.
"The Hashemites have unit-

In his moving address, delived behind Abdullah. That is ered while many Jordanians what the late, great King wept in the streets and stared would have wanted," claimed in disbelief at television one official as hundreds of foreign journalists besieged Jordescribed Hussein as a "father dan's main hotel, the Amman



King Abdullah, speaking on television last night, calls for unity between Jordan's Palestinians and tribal Arabs

Intercontinental, in an attempt to gain accreditation for today's state funeral.

Although Hussein's demise was a foregone conclusion once he was placed on a life-

4.6 million Jordanians appeared totally unprepared, and were plunged into mass public grief, uncannily reflected in the weather which blanketed Amman in a rare, and support machine last week, clammy, winter fog. "I love him more than my family. It is like losing a father," said a 23year-old accountant, Mohammed Ahram, one of 2,000 people who had gathered outside the gates of the medical centre where the late King was taken

cer treatment in the US. Within hours of the death, a 40-day mourning period began, black flags went up on buildings and Muslims and Christians

MIDDLE EAST'S AILING LEADERS

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Saudi Arabia King Fahd

The Saudi leader took the throne on June 3, 1982 - on the death of his halfbrother, King Khaled - as the fifth sovereign of a state founded in 1932. He suffered a stroke in 1995 and has handed over the day-to-day running of the Government to Crown Prince Abdullah.

Palestinian Authority

Yassir Arafat

Yassir Arafat became Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in 1969 and President of the Palestinian Authority in 1996. Increasingly frail of late, ru-

mours began in 1997, denied by Palestinian officials, that he is suffering from Parkinson's disease. The 69-year-old Mr Arafat has never groomed.

President Assad

The Syrian leader has ruled since he took power in a 1970 coup. Long the subject of health speculation, the 68-yearold Hafez al-Assad had been grooming his son Bassel as successor until he died in a car crash in 1994. His other son,



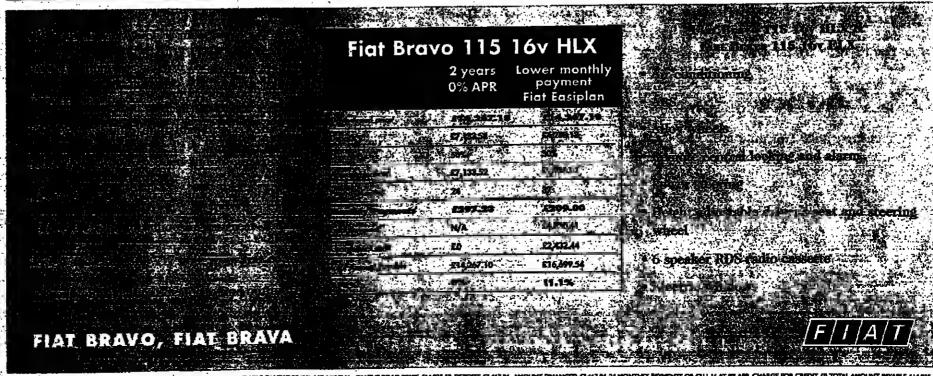
President Saddam Hussein

Saddam, 61, came to power in July 1979, succeeding the sick Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr. Still in power despite disastrous wars — against Iran from 1980 to 1988, and the US and Allied Forces in Kuwait and

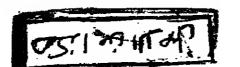
southern Iraq in 1991. Ameri-ca and Britain have made increasingly clear their determination to bring about his overthrow. But there is no obvious successor and many fear there. could be civil war if he goes.

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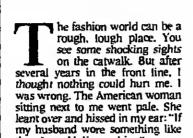




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Menswear: shaken.



that. I would divorce him." Before us strode a young man dressed in a oght, black stretch cat-suit, over which he appeared to be wearing a small tent - but with the tent poles still attached, so his arms were pinned back, unable to move freely. It was, we agreed, the stuff of nightmares.

These sorts of clothes give designer fashion a bad name. Thankfully. the tent (from Walter Van Beirendonck) proved to be an unfair representation of current trends in men's fashion, as shown on the autumnwinter 1999-2000 catwalks. For the most part, designers are working hard to produce sensible clothes. For every silly idea, there are a dozen perfectly reasonable ones. Indeed, in the week that Simp-

son's of Piccadilly - a purveyor of tradioonal Briosh tailoring - was closing its doors, Paul Smith was doing his best to keep tradicion And not a tent pole in sight.

Designers are giving the traditional male look a new twist. Roger Tredre reports. Photographs by Chris Moore

ry fabrics. Millennial fashion will be reassuringly familiar: la mode masculine is not suddenly going to lift off into intergalactic spacewear.

There was a real sense of occasion running through the men's shows. Here were the collections which take us through to the year 2000. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, every designer had a go at producing the perfect outfit for New Year's Eve. The best, by far, came from Yves Saint Laurent in the form of a lean-cut black tuxedo worn over a tulle shirt sprinkled with sequins. Camp, but so cool.

After this winter's plethora of grey, there's a lot of black on the way for next. In Milan, the designers at least threw in bright accents of colour on knitwear and shirts: tomato red. orange, yellow. But at London Men's Fashion Week, I sat through three shows in a row dominated by black. Men look good in black, but we could have done with some light relief.

Here's a run-through of the key

names in European men's fashion. In Italy, all the attention remains focused on Prada and Gucci, which stand at opposite ends of the fash-ion spectrum. Prada, with its functional anoraks and casual jackets. is a universe apart from flowerpower Gucci, all velvet jackets and floral-embroidered jeans.

in Paris, the dominant forces are Paul Smith. Belgium's romantic Dries Van Noten, and Yves Saint Laurent, undergoing a menswear renaissance under the direction of the young designer Hedi Slimane. In London, John Richmond and

John Rocha are the biggest names on the catwalk. Both made a strong impact at the fledgeling London Men's Fashion Week with restrained and wearable collections. Richmond mixing traditional tweeds and herringbones with funnel-neck jumpers and simple sports shapes, Rocha adding touches of fake fur to coats.

The new menswear is exceptionally comfortable and practical. There's a free and easy spirit in the air, with sportswear influences mixed with more formal dressing. This was most marked at Giorgio Armani, who has caught the sports bug in a big way and is shortly to launch a new Giorgio Armani Sport label. But all the big fashion houses are also joining in. How about a pair of Hermes prousers with a drawstring waist? Or an Yves Saint Laurent jumpsuit?

verything comes with pockets: bellows pockets on jackets from Paul Smith; deep back pockets on trousers from Burro. a young British label: big, high pockets on shirts from Belgium's Dries Van Noten. They must be making room for all the mobile phones which bleeped throughout every show. Or the portable CD players that every-

one carried on the Eurostar. In this ever-so-practical dawn of the millennium, designers also produced plenty of shoulder and hip bags, following the lead of Prada, which started the trend. The best of the rest were shown off the catwalk. notably from Mandarina Duck, a Bologna-based name, which came up with strap on bags that curve needs bother going to the gym. across the front of the body. With By the end of last week, my Amer perfect timing. Samsonite - a company best known for suitcases also launched its first clothing collection, including blousons com-



Prada: shoulder bags and a functional look

plete with travel clocks, and padded jackets with built-in pillows. Catching the all-purpose mood, designers made clothes that were super-versable. At Louis Vuitton, Marc Jacobs produced tubular cashmere jumpers with detachable roll-necks. The innovative Dutch designer Alexander van Slobbe. whose label is called So, showed reversible jackets, smart and tailored on one side, sporty and casual on the other. Neil Barrett, former designer at Prada, showing his first solo collection, worked in padding for jumpers to accentuate the chest

which means that none of us

ican colleague was much happier With the exception of the tented car suit, she - and f - had emerge from the trenches unscathed.



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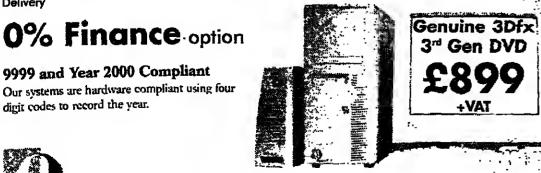
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Making up to Miss Moss

GIVEN that 1'd only slunk in to do an interview, it was a lit-tle disconcerting to have a make-up artist (especially one who was responsible for the luminous Kate Moss cover of British Vogue last summer) leap up at me brandishing

pots of concealer. I'd like to believe that Sharon Dowsett, the make-up artist in question, was so excited about the new wonder product she had discovered that she wanted to try it out on everyone, and that it had nothing to do with my skin being so grey

that I looked consumptive. Anyway, since the transformacion was so rapid and effecove. I thought the least I could do was to share the secret. Lancome's Palette Mix Isubtitle: complexion kit and unleashed on the public on February [5] is a compact of three colours, dark, medium and a pale highlighter, which can be applied over moisturiser to the bits of your face that need them, thereby obviating the need for foundation, which, as any casual observer of beauty trends

knows, is over, sweetie. Dowsett used a ony smcaring of the medium shade under my eyes and round the hase of my nose, the highlighter in the corners of my eyes. and the darkest shade to contour under my cheeks.

Four minutes later, not quite Miss Moss but no longer consumptive. So there you have it, invest £15, blend well and fret not that you didn't make it to the Caribbean this winter. Unfortunately, the make-up artist isn't included.

FROM the start, Wallpaper magazine has had a committed, if select, readership. This is glossy lifestyle with fully comprehensive attitude: Walipaper readers are instructed on every aspect of their lives, from how to choose a stylish holdall to how to whip up a chic onion dip.

Now acolytes of the minimalist style magazine are taking turns to host Wallpaper parties which replicate the magazine's fashion shoots, incorporating every detail on the page, from that fabulous Clements Ribeiro velvet top to the walnut and Lucite tables, from the Gueci ceramic bowl down to the menus of spicy fried pecans and goldfish puffs. Naturally, the Wallpaper



staff are thrilled. "Hopefully," ion writers, Suzy Menkes, is says an editorial team memstill on crusches after an acciber, "they are being knowingdent last autumn, and that the ly ironic rather than just sad."

In the Sevendes these people would have been mirring

along to The Rocky

Horror Show. From

camp kitsch to camp

design in 20 years.

Who said the human

race wasn't making

progress?

show's curator, Janice Blackburn, is nursing a wounded elbow. But notwithstanding the forests cut down last season to relay the news that Alexander

TARE injuries the you might call mainstream currency. What is chic, howseason's must-have accessory, then?" inquired one fashion editor at the opening of Sotheby's arts exhibition last Thursday, It's true that the dovenne of fash-

McQueen had sent a model with prosthetic legs down his catwalk, self-maiming has still to gain what

ever, is adorning your injuries appropriately. The features editor of Harper's Bazaar set a sterling example when she

made a sling for her disloca shoulder out of an old pa mina. Bandages just de come in the same colours.

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know that certain inside have pronounced them cliche but I'm still attached to min So when I left one on Eurosta I got on to Lost Property. Th was more taxing than yo might think, as Eurostar on deals in recorded messages. outlined my pashmina's vit statistics (pale blue, cashmerand waited . . . and waited .

for a response.

Eventually, François from Paris returned my call. The had found a blue shaw! but was pashmina, not cashmere "It's mine," I said. "Why didn you say it was pashmina?" he asked. Because, I wanted t say, I didn't think everyori would know what pashmin was. "Well, you say it's your but we'll need proof." Whe Lost Property tyrants g. supercilious about fibre content, it's time to move on to something really recherché.

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What accessory/piece of clothing can you not live without? One of my

you want.

rings. If I leave my house without one I feel totally bare.

What are your pet bates re-garding fashion? Being a victim and the continued love of the skinny. What do you think of the

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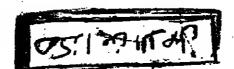


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Secret weapons of defence left, Cheryl Mills. White House deputy counsel, begins her presentation at the Senate impeachment trial, and her colleague, Nicole Seligman, as she calls for the case against President Clinton to be dismissed

The women who seduced the Senate

n the august chamber of the United States Senate where those attending the impeachment trial are ordered to keep silent "on pain of imprisonment" - the sight of two women giggling is enough to cause palpitanons annung the crustier members. But late on Saturday, as Bill Clinton's chief personal lawyer. David Kendall, picked through another interminable argument, two friends could be seen excitedly passing notes to each other. One would scribble away, slip the message to the other and wait with a look of anticipation. Then both would dissolve into fits of giggling.

Nicole Setigman and Cheryl

Mills, the two women on President Climton's defence team, were enjoy-ing themselves. Like schoolgirls. whose attention begins to wander when the headmaster has embarked on another lecture, they couldn't help but start being stilly.

It is hard to blame them. Barring any new developments, this week their client will be acquired in what is only the second impeachment trial of a US President, and Seligman and Mills are being hailed as the stars of the solid defence performance. A few weeks ago they were unknown outside Washington legal circles. Now they are the most famous female lawyers in America.

The giggling began as Seligman, who has been dubbed "the President's Ally McBeal", relaxed after taking centre stage on the most dra-matic day of the trial to present clips of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped evidence. The all-male Republican prosecution team had already been given first sighongs of the vid-eo, but when Seligman came to the lectern, senators sat up straight and allowed their chins to ascend from their chests.

She cuts a striking figure: shoul-der-length chestnut hair, strong cheekbones, a pale complexion. dark eye make-up and red lipstick. She wears suits immaculately tailored to her slim frame (on Saturday a plum frock coat with hemline

In action, she radiates quiet confidence, often resting her weight on one patent-leather foot while the other presses up and down as if pumping a piano pedal, as she emphasises her points. Simultaneously, she makes controlled gestures with disproportionately large hands; forefinger and thumb fre-

A few weeks ago they were unknown outside Washington. Now the women defending Bill Clinton are the most famous female lawyers in the US. Damian Whitworth reports

quently pressed together as if con-ducting her audience. Her voice is surprisingly deep with a New York accent and a steady delivery that is not in the least schoolgirlish despite

her youthful manner.
Cheryl Mills, at 33, is nine years younger than her colleague and must be the trendiest person ever to speak in the Senate. She favours white T-shirts beneath black jack-ets and long, split skirts or suits and wears little make-up. On her way to and from Capitol Hill she sports a leather jacket.

Her style of speaking is bold and passionate, almost melodramatic. When, in her first significant courtroom appearance, she attacked claims that Mr Clinton obstructed justice by manipulating his secretary, Betry Currie, her performance was lauded as virtuoso. She spoke slowly and laid on thick her passionate defence of Mr Clinton as a champion of civil rights. Senator

"moved to tears" and Senator Robert Torricelli said it was the finest speech he had heard on Capitol

Putting up a young, black wom-an to speak forcefully on the President's behalf after days filled with the singularly uncharismatic Republican prosecutors was clearly a masterstroke. Even those calling for Mr Clinton's head queued to congranulate Mills afterwards.

Of the two indisputably brilliant lawyers. Mills is the more extrovert, more passionate about her vocation. The daughter of an army officer, she had a comfortable, middle-class but peripatetic child-hood before excelling at the University of Virginia and winning a scholarship to Stanford University Law School. Aged just 27, she took a junior position in the White House legal office after Mr Clinton won his first term and she became appreciated by the Clintons for

ive" approach to defending them. The screen-saver on her computer reads: "The boness is the hunter."

Such is Mills's passion that she has even been accused of perjury and obstruction of justice herself over allegations that she failed to give up documents that had been subpoenaed by a committee investi-gating the Clintons' use of a White House database. The investigation has still to be concluded.

er closeness to the Clintons can be seen in her office where a huge poster of Michael Jordan hangs next to a picture of Mr Clinton asking the basketball player to sign it for her. She is good friends with two of the key figures in the Lewinsky saga; Mrs Currie and Vernon Jordan, Mr Clinton's confidant. Outside work she is dedicated to social work, volunteering for an organisation that tutors disadvantaged children. "She's buoyant and very infectious in the way she relates to people," says Douglas Eakeley, chairman of the Legal Services Corporation who shared a house with Mr Clinton at Yale, and has seen Mills's commitment to the President's agenda. "She is called to public service. She wants to contribute something," he says.

The offers to go into private practice, however, where she could rake in millions of dollars a year, may be hard to resist. While Mills earns a government salary of around \$100,000, Seligman makes many times that in the private sector as a partner at Williams & Connolly, the firm which reconstructs the Cline the firm which represents the Clintons in all their personal affairs.

From a family of highly successful New York attorneys, Seligman went to an exclusive private school and was top of her year at Har-vard. Her best friend is Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, daughter of President John Kennedy — Selig-man was a bridesmaid at her wedding - and she represents both Kennedy children, Hillary Clinton, who is a close friend, is understood to have been determined that Seligman had a central role in sorting out the mess her busband had made by having an affair. But Seligman, who refuses to give any interviews, remains an enigma in Washington. One certainty is that the girlish looks, that led people to mistake her for Oliver North's daughter when she defended him during the Iran-Contra affair, are misleading. Kevin Baine, a fellow partner at These rejusi

Williams & Connolly, says that she may look a little like Ally McBeal but she is tougher than the TV law-yer. He calls her "the velvet ham-mer" because "she might seem a kind and gentle soul but she can be a warrior when that is called for".

Friends say that Seligman, who is single and lives in a smart flat on Washington's "Embassy Row", is witty and delightful company. It is rumoured that she has an on-off relationship with Eli Jacobs, a wealthy financier 20 years her senfor and former owner of Baltimore Orioles baseball club. Friends joke that she has an "iron butt" because of the hours she spends at work.

George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's former aide, calls Seligman "a cool woman in every sense of the word". He also nicknamed her the President's secret weapon. After her very public performances in recent weeks she, like Mills. can never be called "secret" again.

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'We believe that cloning will become as acceptable as IVF'

loning gave the world Dolly the sheep. But would you want it to give you a child?

The revulsion that most people feel at this idea has so far kept Brave New World babies firmly in their test tubes, although technological advances continue that could one day allow infertile couples - or one parmer, at least - to reproduce themselves by cloning.

Now, however, a British couple have broken one more taboo to say "ves" to the idea of having a cloned baby, a genetic carbon copy of one parent. At the moment everybody

is frightened of cloning. That is a very good thing, because there are so many things we don't know about it. But there will come a point when cloning becomes acceptable, like IVF," Peter Blackburn says. Mr Blackburn and his wife

Ildiko are independent-minded computer experts in their early thirties who run their own small consultancies in Cambridgeshire. During their

A childless couple want to break taboos. Vanora Bennett reports

gone through every kind of ferolity treatment currently available. Nothing has worked. They have an enviable lifestyle, a happy relationship and enough material possessions. But one thing is lacking. We'd love to have a child."

eight-year marriage they have

Mr Blackburn says, "It's nor the be-all and end-all, but there is a special magic that a child brings to a couple." Adoption is, for them, our of the question. They are determined that any offspring should be biologically linked

to at least one of them. Human cloning for repro-ductive purposes is illegal in Britain at present, under a law passed in 1990. But many countries have no specific legislation banning it. Meanwhile, research is so advanced that the Blackburns believe cloning may soon become as widely

tion. They are eager to try it. The Blackburns are not worried by the identity problems that could follow the creation of a duplicate human being. Peter's father was an identical twin, with genes identical to those of his brother. To Peter, who argues that his father and uncle have distinct personalities and lives, a clone is no differeni from a late-born artifi-

> "I don't think there would be identity problems for any child like that," says Peter. 'You'd be looking at a son or daughter. All it would have in common with its parents would be geneoc structures. I'm not comfortable with the idea of 10,000 versions of myself. But whether technology can produce a child genetically identical to my wife or to me is not the issue. It's a child."

The sincerity of Peter Black-burn's wish for a child is un-quesoonable, but whether his belief that cloning could soon win public support is realistic remains to be seen. Horror at the notion of campering with nature remains powerful.

Even countries that have yet

to formulate laws on cloning have found that when research is made public, many ciozens see cloning babies as nightmarish. In South Korea, for instance, controversy has surrounded scienosts at Kyunghee University Hospital. who claimed in December to have conducted a successful human cloning experiment.

The Kyunghee scientists said that they had replaced the nucleus of a woman's egg with that of one of her body cells, culovated the egg until it grew to an early embryonic stage, then destroyed the cloned ussue. News of the experiment was followed by furious debates and protest rallies.

The South Korean Government was caught off-guard



The Blackburns are the first British couple to speak up in favour of human cloning

but has since aligned itself with public opinion. The Korean Doctors' Association has cast doubt on the experiment's validity. A Bill to ban reproduc-tive cloning is now before the

South Korean parliament. Elsewhere, scienosts are agitating to be allowed to use human cloning - because they want to clone embryos to use the basic "stem" cells to research and treat itlnesses. Dr lan Wilmut, of the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, who created Dolly, has been discussing this with biotechnology companies and universides. The British Government is considering fine-tuning its 1990 law on embryology to allow such research. It has no plans to allow the cloning of entire human beings. But the willingness of the first members of the public to endorse reproductive cloning could be important in the de-bate. The Blackburns hope that if more people would admit that they were willing to

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These girls are just slaves to the rhythm

CABARET: Michael Owen tries to find out what castanets have

got to do with Fascinating Aida's new West End show

wo flights up a darkened staircase in a complex of re-hearsal rooms, and the only sound to be heard was the rhythmic drilling of a set of castanets. I was in search of the three women who make up Fascinating Aida, but seemed instead to have stumbled upon Paco Peña.

Through two well-hidden doors a brightly lit studio revealed itself and there, alone in her percussive con-templation. Miss Adele Anderson swirled and spun gracefully as her fingers rapped out a sensuous series of rat-a-tat-tat riffs.

So the first clue, as the trio reach the final stages of preparation for their West End return, appeared to be that sweet FA was hitting the flamenco trail. This turned out not to be the case, actually, but the expected and the unexpected are always swapping places when these three get together.

The studio began to fill up with the arrival of Dillie Keane, the founder of the group, and the third member. Issy van Randwyck, to-gether with their pianist Sarah Travis and director Clarke Peters. This quinter have been locked together for a month now as they refine the new show, titled Barefaced Chic. that opens at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, tomorrow for a fourweek season, followed by a threemonth nadonal tour.

It is two years since Fascinating Aida last played in London, Since then they have toured Australia and New Zealand, and made their longawaited New York debut. They were no sooner home than they immediately started plotting Barefaced Chic. which will offer several new variations on the familiar Fascinating Aida formula, not least Keane abandoning her onstage piano-playing to take a fuller role in the proceedings. The new production will be presented as a show-within-ashow, beginning with the girls caught backstage in silhouette behind a transparent screen. That, give or take a few crucial elements like a theatre, costumes and lights, was roughly the point they had arrived at in their studio session two floors up in a former Soho laundry. The usual detritus of rehearsal rooms - water bottles, coffee cups and a vast assortment of shoes - lit-

tered the floor and benches as Peters
— who has just quit his role as lawyer Billy Flynn in the musical Chicago to direct the girls — announced
they were m run Act i. The cast looked at each other as though the moment they had been putting off had at last arrived, and a Chekhovian gloom momentarily fell upon

I tell you, this show's going to be a lot sadder than anything Chekhov wrote?

the room. "I tell you, this show's going to be a lot sadder than anything Chekhov wrote," confided Keane with mock pessimism.

She was, of course, entirely wrong. An hour later, the witnesses to this sneak preview were still damp-eyed from the wicked humour of their lyrics and the poignancy into which they can instantly switch. Those three-part harmonies. sometimes lilting, sometimes syncopated, now and again raunchy and rocking, seemed even more perfectly enmeshed.

Aida hitlist this year include Viagra - "We take a very positive view." says Keane - Jerry Springer, inspiring a catalogue of incestuous confessions, the literature of Cartland, Cooper and Conran, chequebook journalism, and genetically modi-fied food, which last song Anderson delivers as a rumba salute to the chemically enhanced beetroot that becomes a West End star. Although all three have careers

outside Fascinating Aida - Van Randwyck in straight theatre, Anderson in jazz and Keane on radio — it is their joint enterprises that take precedence. We are more than the sum of our parts," says Keane. When we're together something organic happens. We grow as we go and, strangely, as we get older it seems to get easier rather than more difficult. But I might regret saying that."

They are even looking forward to life on tour, when they will travel the length and breadth of the land. We love it," says Van Randwyck. "We climb in our blue Transit van, we al-ways drive ourselves and we route the journey according to our favourite restaurants."

The New York debut last year won them a glowing set of reviews and a celebrity audience including Stephen Sondheim, Mike Nichols and Patti LuPone, who paid them the compliment of promptly drafting two of their songs into her own

ny nerves over such an im-portant first night were dispelled in a baze of jet lag. We flew from New Zealand to New York and went through so many time zones it was like Groundhog Day," says Keane. And Van Randwyck gives an insight into the thoroughness with which they re-search their material: "The first thing we did was go to the hairdresser to get our roots done, and that's where we picked up all the local gossip, which we immediately put in They found Australia less hospita-

ten years ago and enjoyed it but something's happened. They seem to have lost their national sense of humour. We arrived in Canberra when the Republican convention was on, which was not brilliant timing. They were anti all things English, couldn't wait to get rid of the Queen and if we mentioned the monarchy or did anything poliocally incorrect; they just sat there and groaned. New Zealand was more



fur. We did our version of the haka and told them what we had in mind for Jonah Lomu."

Peters, who scored his own cabaret-style hit when he created Five Guys Nomed Moe, is directing them for the first time. "I believe this show is a departure for them, in terms of

the way it is set, and I think they are very brave. We've had no differences of opinion; if something needs to be worked out, I ask them to look at it in an acting rather than a musical

context. When I left them, the sound of castanets followed me down the stairs. 1 crept back to see exactly what was going on. This time it was Van Rand-wyck snapping out the clacking Spanish beat — but then the door swung firmly closed. Tomorrow, all will be revealed.

 Barefaced Chic is at the Haymarket (0171-930 8899) from 10morrow

The real hip hop mother

IN THE week that her face graced the covers of both Time and Rolling Stone magazines. Lauryn Hill chose Brixton as the location of the only European show on her current world tour. Hill has played in Brit-ain before, as one third of the Fugees, but this was her first solo show here, and one of her first live appearances anywhere since her album, The Misedu-cation Of Lauryn Hill, elevated her to superstar status.

Still only 23. Hill is being hailed as the saviour and social conscience of hip hop, seemingly the one person who can keep the music "real" while actively rejecting the themes of violent aggression. misogyny and materialism with which the genre is now rounnely blighted. But if she was feeling the

pressure she certainly didn't show it as she led a moupe of musicians. DJs, rappers and backing singers through a show that eleverly combined the spiritual with the sensual.

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Lauryn Hill Brixton

Starting at a measured pace with her current single, Ex-Foctor, she gradually upped the ante with a searing version of Superstar, followed by a perfectly judged trip down memory lane with the Fugees' theme Fu-Gee-La that sent the cheerful crowd into rhapsodies.

After a rambling sequence of fun and games she pulled the show back into focus with an emotionally charged per-formance of To Zion, a song dedicated to her son. But if she treated the word "mother" with greater respect than her gangsta-rap peers do, there was nothing compliant about her accusatory wordplay in Doo Wop (That Thing) or Lost Ones. "You gained the whole world for the price of your soul . Wisdom is better than silver or gold," she snapped.

An encore of Killing Me Softly and Everything Is Every-thing provided a suitably up-beat finale to a show which straddled the divide between the street and the moral high ground as if the two had never drifted apart in the first place.

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Then Irvine Welsh's hen Irvine websis grim play pre-miered in Leeds a year ago many of my colleagues found themselves much agitated by the sight of (simulated) anal rape inflicted upon a captive chained and gagged inside a cage. The ver-bal abuse was condemned, as was some duff characterisation. Not a good evening, was the general opinion.

Welsh is said to have reworked the piece since then, and certainly the solitary woman in the cast has managed to become at least two-dimensional. But as the plot got under way and I adjusted myself to the sight of Tam Dean Burn's homosexual psychopathic homosexual baldie capering like Rumpelstillskin around his victim, my surprised discovery was that the play so far was not bad.

Martin Ma



Two novice hardmen have messily killed a third; to young Dex "It's a job", but the victim's death throes have haunted his accomplice, Docksey (Kenneth Bryans), unol he feels compelled to trap Dex into explaining how he can remain so unaffected. Docksey's mad mate Jinks, the baldic, will squirm this revelation out of their prisoner, while Dock-sey revenges himself by sleep-ing with Dex's girl. Now there is much in this se-

quence of events that is seriously flawed. How come the two

captors became mates? Why is sexual abuse expected to bring a confession? Welsh also crosscuts from the undergound torture chamber to the scenes with the girl (Kirsty Mitchell), but largely fails to motivate these interruptions.

Directed by Ian Brown on a central arena where the lighting focuses in turn upon the cage and the girl's sofa bed, the two sex scenes coincide so that Docksey's cries with the girl relate to what Jinks is doing to her former boyfriend. Welsh's use of hypo needles at the end is similarly ingenious, although he cannot prevent us finally feeling more sympathy for Dex - a strong performance of pent-up fury by James Cunningham - than for any-

JEREMY KINGSTON

Ten years after starting

PLUTO Productions' double bill of seldom-seen Strindberg and exotic Cocteau offers two psychological studies of wronged women. In Strind-berg's The Stronger Mrs X discovers during afternoon tea that Miss Y has been having an affair with her husband. No. I haven't lost the programme: Strindberg has stripped away all unnecessary

distractions. Miss Y is silent throughout the play throws the spotlight on the older woman's struggle to divine the truth, about herself and her marriage as well as her friend's betrayal. Casting about for the right response, first she taunts, then wonders if it was all her fault. then weakly declares she can learn from the experience. It's a curious blend of naturalism and expressiooism.

Emile, the stop-out hus-band in Cocteau's The Sound of Silence, is similarly voiceless. His outwardly poised wife is going crazy cooped up

No answer to this

The Stronger/The Sound of Silence Grace, SW11

in her hotel room night after night, waiting for him to come home from his mistress. When he finally does, she lets rip, only to find that he has fallen asleep.

Despite taking the form of two voluble monologues, these plays are just as much about silence as words, which prove to be more or less wasted. When the husband simply

although Mrs X goes down all the verbal avenues that might reveal her misplaced pride. her rival, for all her enigmatic silence, turns out the stronger. Cocteau wrote The Sound of Silence as a showcase for

gets up and leaves, all his

wife's protestations collapse

into a humiliatingly wheedling plea for forgiveness. And

Edith Piaf, and the Bulgarian actress Irins Diva. all vulnerable hauteur and flighty dis-dain, is certainly Piaf-esque. She gives a gutsily intense performance which is, though, too mannered and monotone. Christina Greatrex as Mrs X turns with eloquent ease from anger to anguish, although again it all sounds a bit pat.

The directors of both pieces could do with injecting some spontaneity into the two characters. But the pieces complement each other well, and their small subtleties suit the minutive Grace space.

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Caught in a frenzy of change

her company in 1989. Shobana Jeyasingh is marking her anniversary with a new double bill which revisits her past and points the way towards to her future. This revealing, if not wholly satisfying, package reminds us how far she has come as a choreographer, how startling and utterly transfixing her dances can be. Yet it also shows that she has reached the point where the rules she herself set out will have to be broken.

The double bill, premiered at the Gardner Arts Centre in Brighton on Thursday, opens with Memory and Other Props, a work which incorporates elements from a decade of dances but reimagines them with the benefit of hindsight and experience to create a

Brighton

wholly original new piece. Thus, the meticulous rhythmic purity of her early choreography, based on the classical indian dance form of bharata natyam, is viewed through the more liberating sensuality and lyricism of her later work,

Jeyasingh looks back on her career with evident fondness and tranquillity, although she does allow fleeting, disquieting memories to disturb her meditation. Her six female dancers perform in a shadowy world, ideas half-formed and fuzzy like memory itself. The

piece doesn't quite hold together on its own terms, but if you have been following Jeyasingh from the beginning it offers fascinating insight into her brilliant choreographic intellect.

The future is represented by Fine Frenzy, which comes with a commissioned score from the avant-garde jazzman Django Bates. Combining writing for the saxophone (played live by the Apollo Quartet) with taped sounds (traffic noise, church bells, shortwave transmissions and a child reading). Bates draws on the bustle of congested urban life to produce an unpredictable and stimulating score of great pace and atmosphere. Jeyasingh responds with choreography that draws on the same frenzy, animating her women in movement so agitated and il-

way to turn. Athletic, muscular, introspective and rebellious, this is Jeyasingh as you have never seen her before.

logical it doesn't know which

Yet Fine Frenzy ultimately fails to prove its point because what the choreography wants and what the bhorata natyam-trained female dancers can deliver are two different things. Jeyasingh is clearly champing at the bit to take full advantage of everything contemporary dance can offer (including a more varied technique and the added dynamic of male dancers), but that would mean drastic changes to her company. If the next ten years are to be as successful as the first ten, Jeyasingh has some hard choices to make.

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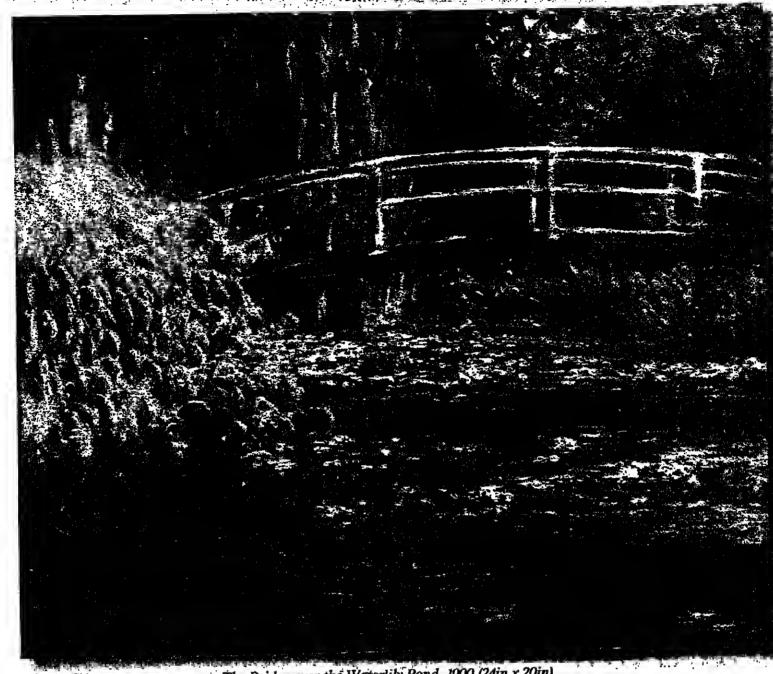
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A vibrant rose, but thorny

osenkavalier is always a challenge, even more so for one of our national companies on short commons in recent years - a large cast, huge orchestra, unavoidable visual demands. And at Scottish Opera the principals were all sing-ing their roles for the first time: Saturday's performance was uneasy in the first half, with a lot of that index-fingerwagging that always betrays extreme nervousness. Still, the spirits rose when the Theatre Royal curtain went up on the designer-director David Mc-Vicar's spacious set, using the whole of the stage: slightly shabby it may have been, intentionally, but it was grand: maybe we were in for the sort of spectacle British audiences have been starved of so long. Spirits fell when it become,

plain that it was a permanent set, and would have to do for all three locations, which does the work no service at all, certainly not the suburban inn of the third act, and certainly not when McVicar failed to make a virtue of necessity by putting bed and dining table in the same position to emphasise that the third act is in many ways a satyr-play rerun of the first. This would have supported his thoughtful, fresh - or bloody-minded, according to taste — and generally black reading of the piece.

The scratchy relationship between the Marschallin and Oc-tavian suggested that it was on the rocks long before curtainrise; fine, but nothing that happened thereafter came as a surprise, and I think it should. Otherwise, why are we in the theatre? But McVicar's most radical rethinking, in tandem with Peter Rose's magnificently sung performance, was the characterisation of Baron Ochs - young, handsome, smartly dressed, in command of every social situation, in no sense a buffoon.

Again, fine, but why should any girl instinctively shrink from marriage, or from a one-



or even two-night stand with him (except that one of the girls is a boy, but let that pass)? Why was he fortunehunting? And isn't the denouement an amiclimax when a really rather unpleasant man whose snobbery and bravado are funny in more traditional readings — is simply getting his just deserts? Two more oddities: Ochs had a distinctly steamy relationship with his bastard son, and the Marschallin's Moorish servant was a solicitous adult, not a child. Perhaps he is to be her next toy-

Despite a rather frisky wig suggesting Tallulah Bank-head in one of her raunchier movies, Joan Rodgers's Marschallin was perhaps too melancholy — this lady doesn't wear her heartbreak on her sleeve - but, great Mozartian that she is, sang the role exquisitely: it's worth crossing the border just to hear her launch the Trio. Lisa Milne is the spirited Sophie, a right little minx, and Stella Doufexis a coltishly handsome, rather quiet and soprano rather than mezzo Octavian. Phyllis Cannan's hilarious Duenna shines out among the large supporting cast.

One of the greatest virtues of Richard Armstrong's conducting is that he keeps the score on the move: it really is a conversation piece, not a clutch of purple passages separated by beige dialogue. False sentiment is studiously avoided, and in this he is at one with McVicar. So. a tough, provocative reading, but perhaps a reading of what McVicar wants. Rosenkavalier, to be rather than what it is. A nice

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Joan Rodgers as a melancholy Marschallin and Stella Doufexis as Octavian in David McVicar's tough, provocative reading of Der Rosenkavalier

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one has to make odious comparisons, it would be difficult to say that Repin's musicianship outstrips that of his slightly younger compatriot. Repin has, to be sure, a formidable technique, a fine singing tone and an individual way of addressing the listener even in a work as fa-

the most rigorous standards, however, his playing lacks the last ounce of charisma that Vengerov so consistently evinces. Chailly guided his forces imaginatively through the work, with some distinctive touches of phrasing and, of course, the consummate tonal blending for which the Concertgebouw is famed.

Those qualities characterised the Second Symphony too: finely honed strings, lustrous winds and well-behaved, ideally balanced brass all cootributed to a satisfying sonic experience first and a cogent interpretation second. But how shameful that London has only acoustically challenged halls to offer such distinguished visitors.

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Up and down the scale

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Not surprisingly, she was most successful in Wagner. The Wesendonk Lieder gave room for her richly glowing tone to expand into, most of all at the climax of Schmerzen, a song done with great sweep. She also found the freshness of Der Engel, but appeared unable to sustain the fervid intensity of Im Treibhaus. Although so much of the atmosphere is normally created by the or-



chestra that piano accompaniment can sound bland, Charles Spencer did evoke the languid mood of Traume. Nobody was helped by a nearby pile-driver that might have been more appropriate to an interesting Wagner staging than to these

sensuous songs.
Perhaps Polaski's voice is less exciting when scaled down for song: apart from allowing herself a few moments of almost operatic flight she seemed to be holding back for much of the time. In Brahms, one of the most elusive Lieder composers, this made for performances of very little personality: seven of her eight

songs had the same, essentially forlorn expression, though she did lighten up for the dreamy Wir wanthers, Klage had most emotional weight.

Like many blg voices, Polaski's can be unwieldy: her high notes frequently took a while to settle on pitch, but she did indicate to the audience that she was unhappy with the way her instrument was responding. Yet in Mahler's Rückert Lieder, some of the problems were interpretative: Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen, perhaps the composer's greatest song, needed phrasing in longer spans. The declamatory phrases of Um Mitternacht were better managed, and in Ich atmet' einen linden Duft both she and Spencer caught the delicacy that is the key to these transcenden-

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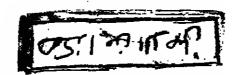
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The profound implications of devolution cannot be evaded

7 ithin a decade, the way we are gov-erned could have changed dramatically. Powerful First or Chief Ministers in Edinburgh, Cardiff and Bel-fast (and possibly regional leaders in Newcastle and Birmingham), together with elect-ed mayors in big cities, could be challenging the dominance of London. The party system could have fragmented where there is devolution, and nationally if the electoral system is reformed. Judges will be rul-ing on the decisions of ministers and Parliament and on disputes with new devolved bodies. Whitehall and West-minster will have to change radically in response.
This is not the blueprint of a

Charter 88-Democraoc Audit champion of radical reform. nor the nightmare of a Tory opponent, but the sober assessment of what might happen by the non-partisan analysis of the Constitution Unit in their new book, Constitutional Futures, A History of the Next Ten Years, edited by Robert Hazell. its director. Written much more like a Civil Service brief than a polemic, the book exposes the curious ambivalence, and often evasiveness, of the Government's ap-

Constitutional reform is by far the most radical of all new Labour's programmes, and absorbs the most parliamentary time. But you would hardly guess so from listening to most

ninisters, and not at all from Tony Blair, since he has not made a single speech on the issue as Prime Minister, aside from cam-paigning trips to Scotland and Wales. Even the two senior ministers most closely involved, Derry Irvine and Jack Straw, veer between pride and caution over what they are

before Christmas, Lord Irvine of Lairg presented the changes as incremental: "We are not hunting the chimera of constitutional masterplans, nor ultimate outcomes . . . We prefer the empirical policial genius of our nador: to go, pragmati-cally, step by step, for change

through continuing consent."

There is a strong case for incrementalism, not just as the British way of legislating bul also as a poliocal tactic. Past attempts to reform the House of Lords have largely failed because governments tried to do too much in one go. Removing hereditary peers has been blocked because of disagreement over what and who should replace them. Previous radical governments have seldom had a clear masterplan from the start. The Thatcher administrations' proposals on privatisation, trade unions, and tax reform were produced step-by-step over nearly a decade.

The more pertinent crid-cism is that the Government is minimising the implications of its programme, and the many loose ends. This is again partly a political tactic not to worry MPs. Admittedly, the Government's terms of reference for the Royal Commission on the Lords do suggest that a reformed second chamber could link the separate strands of reform. Devolution is often treated as if it just concerns the Scots and Welsh, but life in Whitehall and Westminster

will change considerably. The machinery of government will have to be reorganised for bodies. The separate Secretaries for Scotland, Wales, and, in time. Northern Ireland will probably disappear, but no one is willing to say that now. Similarly, there are bound

to be arguments over money, as in other federal systems such as Australia and Canada, especially since the Treasury will be providing a least 97 per control the money for Sectional cent of the money for Scotland and 100 per cent for Wales and Northern Ireland. At present, Scotland is one of the most prosperous parts of Britain but receives most per head in public spending on the main-land from the 20-year-old Barnett formula which allocates increases in expenditure. Labour naturally does not want to reopen the question now, and Gordon Brown was not pleased when the Treasury Committee of the Commons recommended a review to link spending and needs more closely. But the debate will not go away. Westminster has also only

just started examining its response to devolution. Any immediate changes look like being minimal — reducing the time given to Scottish and Welsh Questions and setting up an English Committee. That will not be enough to meet the concerns of English MPs. As is recognised in Constitutional Futures, there is unlikely to be a common federal structure of devolu-

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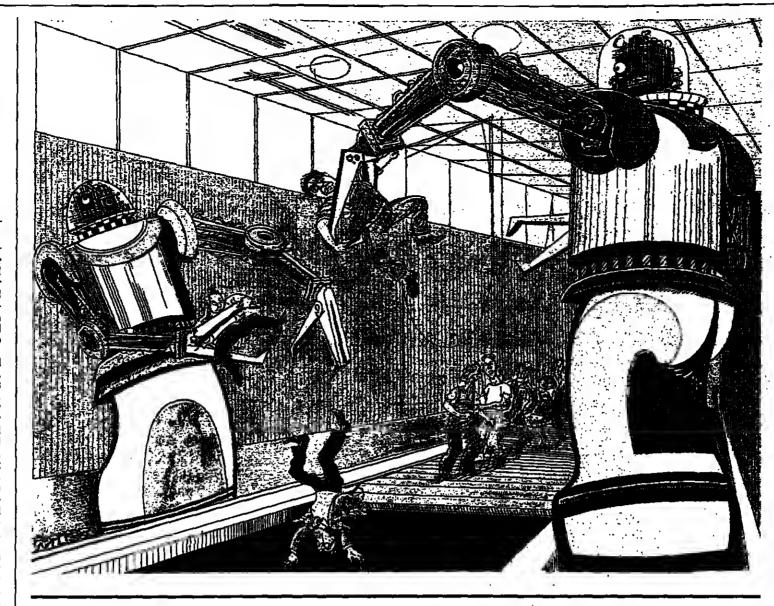
ary. The greater the Pinocher case is only a foretaste of what will come when judges have to adjudicate on devolution and human rights disputes. That, in turn, will raise questions about whether the law lords should condnue to sit and vote in the second chamber or whether we should have a separate Supreme Court, though without the powers of the Ameri-

can version.

The book explores both mini and maxi scenarios of what might happen, and there are contradictions in the Government's attitude. The new Labour leadership in London has so far been reluctant to surrender either financial or political control and has in some areas been as centralist as its predecessors. But even on the cautious mini assumpoon. Professor Hazell argues will be profound, because the constitutional reforms already set in train will unleash a political and legal dynamic which the Government will not be able to rein back".

The Times will be sponsoring a one-day conference on February 25 on Constitutional Futures: Where is the Government's consótutional reform programme taking us? Fee £175, academics £80, OAP/ charities £60, students £40. Details: 0171-504 4992. fax

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Rover is going nowhere

Bernd Pischetsrieder had to resign on Friday at the Munich board meeting of BMW. He was both the executive chairman of BMW and the architect of the policy of purchasing and trying to rebuild Rover. This policy was a disastrous failure, as his rival and

second-in-command, Wolfgang Reit-zle, had said it would be.
In financial terms, the acquisition of Rover cost more than £800 million, the subsequent investment was over £2 billion and the current losses are about £360 million. To invest £3 billion in order to create a loss of £360 million is enough to get any chief executive the sack. All the more so, because the immediate outlook for Rover is one of rising losses as world demand for cars continues to decline: there is also a need for further massive investment. The Pischetsrieder policy has

totally failed. The surprise is that the BMW board did not turn to Reitzle. From a British perspective it is easy to see the Anglophile Pischetsrieder as a Cavalier, "romande but wrong", and the harder minded Reitzle as a Roundhead, "repulsive but right". ff the Pischetsrieder strategy was a disaster, should BMW not have switched to the Reitzle strategy? The board decided not to do so. To understand that decision one needs to look back to BMW's problem as it would seem in 1994 when the decision to acquire Rover was taken. That proved a disastrous decision. but there were arguments for it.

> is, a very successful brand, at the upper end of the market, with sales of about 600,000 units a year and wide profit margins. The strategic studies which were being made. both for BMW and for other major producers, all suggested that global competition was going to erode the advantages of BMW and of the other companies, such as Volvo or Jaguar, which were based on relatively narrow brands. BMW would either have to accept a takeover by one of the larger international companies, which in-cluded Daimler-Benz, General Motors. Ford and Fiat, or try to build itself into an international company of approximately their size. The policy of remaining a niche brand would lead to declining profit margins and loss of value for the shareholders, including the Quandt family, which has effective control. The purchase of Rover was an attempt to build BMW into a fully

At that time BMW was, as it still

Sooner or later Longbridge will probably close - and we will realise

that Europe cannot save us

competitive global car company. They went for big: they nearly went

for broke.

This strategic analysis has been confirmed by the mergers which have happened since. Individual brands, even very good ones, are not surviving as independent compa-nies. The Reitzle policy was to reinforce the BMW brand with the best of Rover - Land Rover, Mini and MG. The BMW board did not feel that this was an

adequate strategy when they bought Rover in 1994. They plainly do not be lieve it is a viable strategy now. As srieder and the Reitzie strategies, and appointed as chairidentified with ei-Joachim Milberg. that means that BMW does not now have a strategy at

Professor Milberg is described as a "safe pair of This is worse when the company is hands"; as applied to a senior board member that means a professional manager who keeps well away from the big strategic disputes, and is good at operating tactically his part of the strategy, which has been decided by other people. To appoint such a person as chairman means that BMW, or its controlling shareholders, have ruled out both the

strategic options. At present the BMW brand is still highly profitable; the company also controls Rover brands, the full hand of cards of the Rietzle policy. In a couple of years' time these niche brands are likely to be subject to even more intense competition, and there will have been a running sore of continued Rover losses. Perhaps by then the great Wall Street boom will have come to an end.

Whatever the Quandt family may feel. its financial advisers can only be saying one thing: sell. sell now. get the premium on the share price while it is still there. Once it was decided to fire both Pischetsrieder with his big-company strategy, and Reitzle with his niche-brands strategy, no other strategy was left; an independent future for BMW be-

came a muddle or a bluff.

This looks to be only another temporary postponement of the closure of Rover's Longbridge plant. That, when it comes, will be a heavy blow to the local economy. It will lead to the closure of many local suppliers, and to loss of profits

eyond them. Longbridge has been a low productivity plant for many dec-ades; it has been seen as an industrial problem for at least 35 years. Proabout a third of the best and half the average in British

People do not like losing their jobs. When there are large redundancies, a main board always seems remote, and its decisions arbitrary. seem

an internacional one, since its decisions can always be suspect as having been biased in favour of the home country. Anglo-German rela-tions are not as bad as they are sometimes thought to be, but it is probably more prejudicial for a German company to shut down a British plant than for a Dutch or American company to do the same thing for the same reasons. Quite possibly Longbridge will eventually be closed by Ford or General Motors, as part of a review of the BMW plants after an American takeover. In public relations terms

that might be easier.

The poliocal lesson is not that a distant board in Munich is destroying Birmingham jobs, though the Reitzle plan would have done that, but that the European connection cannot insulate Briosh industry from the impact of the global market. The reason that Longbridge may have to close is that global car production capacity in 1999 is about 50 per cent higher than expected sales; it is probably still increasing faster than sales. Longbridge is a low-productivity plant in a period of world overcapacity.

The Rover issue shows that

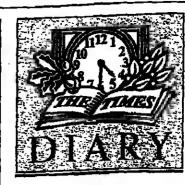
Britain has to meet global competition whether we are integrated into Europe or not. BMW cannot protect a plant that is surplus to global needs; it cannot protect itself. If Longbridge does close, that will be an important political event; it will demonstrate to the British people one of the limitations of European power. Yet it will not answer this question: will British business meet global competition better if we are wholly integrated into the European economy? Or will the flexibility of independence help Britain to be more effective as a competitor?

A lot of people have lost confidence in the virtues of independence - the CBI, the TUC, the Lord Mayor of London, many senior civil servants, the Government, most of the law lords the larger part of the Establishment. They take the view that integrated membership of a large regional bloc is the best way to meet world competition. They are regionalist, not globalist. They are also defeatists.

et the argument the other way seems much stronger. Competitiveness depends on costs; continental Europe is the world's highest cost zone, in terms of wages, taxes, hours of work, government expenditure and regulation. In all of these factors of competitiveness, Europe is more vulnerable than Britain. We also have the advantage of a market currency, whereas the euro imposes a single currency on economies with very different competitive abilities. Our own exchange-rate crisis in 1993, and the Asian currency disasters since 1997, demonstrate the which get out of line with global market realioes. Rover proves Europe cannot save us; it is the euro which could actually sink us.

My personal sympathies are with Wolfgang Reitzle. At the Munich board meeting he was right. I think that BMW, without Rover, could have prospered as a brand, and Land Rover would surely have strengthened it. But that merely proves that I believe in independence rather than mere bulk. In nature, in the car industry, in world competition, in nations, elephantiasis is not the best route to survival.

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Down market

SMALL-TOWN England is about to press flesh with Monica Lewinsky. The world's most visible intern is to carry out a book-signing tour for a chain of provincial bookshops. Fresh from presenting her evi-dence to the Senate, Lewinsky will inscribe copies of Andrew Morton's

inscribe copies of Andrew Morton's "tell all" biography at four branches of County Bookshops — a diddy little company which works out of such places as Gateshead, Hull and Rochdale. While her access to the White House is now limited, I gather the British Embassy in Washington has been rather more

helpful about visas.

The shop will excitedly cry: "Your daughter's daughters will adore you for purchasing this appreciating asset." Come, gentlemen, don't be unchivalrous about her fondness for hamburgers.

 GWYNETH PALTROW thinks Shakespeare was a bit of an all-rounder. The actress, pictured, who plays his paramour in Shake-





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speare in Love, is sure the plotline speare in Love, is sure the piotine is credible — except, like other eminent "Dark Lady" scholars, she believes her character. Viola, would have been a boy. "Everybody was very open with their sexuality then and it wasn't weird for people of the same sex to be together."

Lording it SECURITY for former Northern Ireland Secretaries is a tricky matter, but a couple of peers are perplexed. They note that while some recent Secretaries lack protection, a man who left the post 20 years ago still uses an armoured car and projection officers.

Fellow peers are chippy at the sight of Lord Mason of Barnsley striding past taxi queues. "I do find it furny that he still uses it." says Lord Prior. Another lord is sharper: "We all think he just likes to feel important." Surely, after Airey Neave's death, they are being a little ungenerous?

● JEREMY PAXMAN has his doubts about William Hague. The Newsnight presenter, whose latest book, The English, sits happily in the bestseller lists, mocks the Tory leader's recent pronouncement. "To call the British brassy was odd," he tells me. "We are actually a rather shy and private people."

Lime cordials

REFUSENIKS at the BBC are having a knees-up. A party thrown by the corporation's finest, includ-ing Robert Harris, David Dimble-by and Sir Ludovic Kennedy, will hark back to pre-Birtian days by

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remembering Lime Grove Studios, the current affairs base closed by Sir John in 1990. Tomorrow's bash - putatively to mark the opening of a homeless hostel on the old site will see the old gang sipping warm wine and watching out takes.

"We were happy there," sniffles a BBC type. But will Sir John turn up? "He never actually worked there. He was, as he once said himself, from another planet"

● JACK STRAW has found a cunning way to win over that spirited backbench renegade, Bob Marshall-Andrews. He has asked Mrs Bob, Gill Marshall-Andrews. to advise him on gun control.

Sister act

RICHARD BRANSON is doing his bit for the sisters. Virgin Books will soon bring us Sapphire, a new imprint for lesbians. Billed as "the raunchiest lesbian imprint ever to hit the UK", it will be kunched in May with the first book in the series, Big Deal. How apt.

JASPER GERARD

The point is to overwhelm the interlocutor, so that you emerge as the more Soviet, the more petty, the more steeped in unnecessary officialdom means of your superidered into the building of choice enced when somebody stops

f you want to get anything done in Russia, you have to know how to talk. Exactly how. Just chatting merrily away or being incredibly deferendal won't work. A specific amount of time needs to be set aside m every undertaking for persuading people to do what they have already agreed to do both by lelephone and by fax, what they know perfectly well they are going to do, what they may even actively want to do and what they

are often legally obliged to do. Newcomers can find this procedure tedious and obstructive, but as far as the initiators are concerned it is simply part of the deal, a vital part, without which no trip round a factory, no application for a visa and no visit to any kind of official organisation would be complete.

building to the offices of a newspaper, the visitor is required to stand in a dim, dark, yellow entrance way, heated by vast scorching fans situated at either end. blowing in air so hot

as to make breathing difficult. The floor is likely to be mches deep in muddy water and, depending on the popularity of the organisation, the vestibule will be extremely crowded and sweaty, with grimy condensation dripping down the glass panels in the heavy, metal swing doors.

Here in the gloom there will be one cream-coloured plastic telephone made in 1952, sitting on a low, wooden table. The idea is that you take turns with the phone, calling the person whose name is scrawled on a chewinggum wrapper in your purse, and that person will then come down, Upon arrival almost any-where, from the state Duma entrance pass, lead you through

your desire. Or not. This is where the talking comes in. "Hello, t have an appointment to see fvan Ivanovich Ivanov,"

you say, trying to keep a smile in your voice. There is a pause, during which the person at the other end of the line is almost certainly

sighing, wondering whether or not you might be mad, and thinking it must be time for a teabreak, such has been the unprecedented number of prank callers this morning. "I don't see your name here. With whom did you make the appointment?" they will ask. At this point you need to be

prepared. The game is that you

should win the argument by

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have written the names of their secretaries and the time at which you phoned to arrange the meeting for which you have now come. The point is to overwhelm the interlocutor with more bureaucracy then she has at her fingertips, such that you emerge victorious as the more Soviet, the more petty, the more steeped in

or rationale. Also on your chewing-gum

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unnecessary officialdom. Ideally the barrage of your entirely superfluous information will allow you to march unhin-

and meet people at the very highest level (like, for example, the woman who puts the actual stamps on the visas). Often, however, you find you have moved too fast, laid all your aces on the table precipitately. This can irritate your minion and cause her to drag her feet, and call all the people on your sticky list demanding to know why she was not informed of your forthcoming visit (she was).

omebody explained to me recently the point of going into a Russian banya (sauna). "You get so hot you can't stand it and all you want to do is get cold," he said. "So you run outside and jump through the hole in the ice until you're so cold you can't stand it and all you

hitting you.
That is not to diminish it in

any way. I visited a chocolate fax that allowed me to go in, meet some rechnicians, be shown round, eat some chocolate and look at the factory museum. I stood in the foyer for half an hour arguing about the relative likelihood that somebody had seriously given me permission for any of these activities, before the woman with whom I had been bickering came down to meet me, smiling, laughing and being as helpful as it was possible to be.

The visit was immeasurably more enjoyable for the 30 min-utes of dread experienced before it, when I thought maybe, just maybe, the fax would not be enough to get me in.

want to do is get warm." The pleasure is akin to that experi-



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ABDULLAH'S INHERITANCE

Iraq may prove the new King's most pressing policy problem

The scenes of desolation on the streets of Amman, the extraordinary tributes paid by other international figures, and the enormous number of world leaders who will assemble in Jordan today for his funeral. pays fitting tribute to the life and work of King Hussein. Although there was some confusion about his exact condition in the final days, the transition of power to Crown Prince, now King, Abdullah has proceeded as smoothly as could reasonably be expected in the difficult circumstances.

In the space of scarcely two weeks the new King has been asked to make the transition from soldier to monarch and statesman. He has handled that short period of time with considerable dignity. In the short term, he will benefit from the undoubted goodwill generated by his father's success in turning what was initially little more than a colonial convenience into a coherent country and people.

The often turbulent nature of Middle East politics will soon test Abdullah's mettle.

It has been widely argued that the new King is an unknown and inexperienced individual. Neither assertion is entirely accurate. The objectives that Abdullah will set himself are relatively clear and follow strongly from those left by his father. He may be inexperienced now but others will soon be in that same situation. The rulers of Egypt, the Palestinian Authority, Saudi Arabia and Syria are all longstanding political figures with well publicised health problems. The vibrant nature of Israel's democracy means that political turnover in that state is always a possibility. Within a decade. King Abdullah may well be the most seasoned leader in the region.

The lengthy Israeli election campaign, and inevitable complexity in forming a coalition Cabinet thereafter, offers the King an opportunity to concentrate on domestic questions before then being obliged fully to shape his foreign policy. Those matters at home are significant in themselves. They include the management of Jordan's move towards a limited form of democracy, an overdue crackdown on official corruption, and action to remedy a lethargic economy with substantial unemployment. This last aspect is of particular urgency. Average per capita income in Jordan is barely one fifteenth that of neighbouring Israel.

King Hussein knew that Jordan needed peace with, and extensive financial ties 10, Israel if his country were ever to achieve prosperity. He pursued those links for that reason despite their domestic unpopularity. The cool response among many Jordanians to the presence of Binyamin Netanyahu in Amman today is a visible reminder that some will surely seek to exploit such emotions. An effective peace process alone can render co-operation between Israel and Jordan politically plausible. Much will depend on two factors the King cannot control: whether Yassir Arafat declares a Palestinian state in May and the precise outcome of the Israeli ballot for Prime Minister and Knesset shortly after.

These events, though, might not prove the most troubling aspect of King Abdullah's inheritance. The machinations of Syria, although serious, could also prove containable. The succession struggle in Damascus once President Assad dies, beween his son Bashar and others in the Alawi sect, may make recent feuds among the Hashemites appear ordered. The real. danger could rest with a man who will definitely not be attending King Hussein's funeral. While Saddam Hussein still runs Iraq, Jordan will be caught between the United States and popular sentiment among much of its own population. King Abdullah must hope that the next new and inexperienced man in Middle East politics comes to power in Baghdad.

TO THE AID OF THE PARTY

The first Conservative policy paper is not encouraging

After so many months of silence, the first Conservative document to outline fresh approaches in a specific area of policy is welcome. The more pity, then, that the public thoughts of Gary Streeter, the Tory spokesman on international development, suggest that he has as much to learn about his subject as Clare Short. "Conservatives," he rather defensively begins. "have something new to say about International Development." But what is best in these proposals is not really new; and most of what is new is half -baked.

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That is true even of the paper's most radical idea. It argues that "there may now be a prima facie case" for closing down the ropean Union's aid programme. This needed to be said out loud. For years, British ministers and their officials have been groaning in private that EU aid spending, a byword for waste, fraud and political manipulation, is a shocking waste of money. In public they have called for reform, but never asked Mr Streeter's question: "Why does the EU need an aid programme?" The EU, governments are agreed, should not do things that national governments can do better; and this is a

clear case where it does them much worse. But how would the Tories set about slaying this white elephant? Mr Streeter does not say. He seems to hope that Britain can get together with other governments, not to abolish EU aid spending but to trim it. Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the most effective aid minister this country has had, could have told Mr Streeter that he is whistling in the wind, if only because France is protective of a programme that reserves its goals in Francophone Africa.

Fresh thinking is not much use without thorough homework, which in this case would have to explore the legal scope for a British taxpayer revolt. And on UN development programmes, most of which

are so ill-run and ineffective as to be actually counter-productive, there is not a word. They too are a drain on British aid funds; in most cases, it would be a blow for UN reform to turn off the tap.

What of the Department for International Development (DFID) itself? The paper misses its chance to lay out a Tory strategy for encouraging wealth creation through liberating individual effort. That would do far more for the poor than Ms Short's unrealistic and misplaced crusade to-"eliminate" absolute poverty. It is right to argue that the promotion of better government should be "the key objective" of aid. Nothing has shrunk the constituency in this country for helping poorer countries more than the sense that it enriches crooked politicians and bureaucrats.

Yet here again, Mr Streeter proves a shrinking violet, worthily wondering how to lay down conditions "without harming the poor". On debt relief, he seems not to realise that he is in the realm of truism when he says that the criterion should be a government's determination to reform. rather than the record of past performance.

Instead of delivering aid directly, the paper says that the DFID should become an "enabling authority". It makes sense for the DFID to encourage competitive bidding for contracts by the private sector, as well as voluntary agencies. But this should be done when, and because, it would offer poor countries better value for money. The purpose should not, in the paper's touchyfeely language, be "empowering" aid agencies. Nor is it certain that the result will be "better co-ordination and less duplication"; aid agencies are as notorious for squabbling over shares of development pie as any UN body.International aid is a natural candidate for true radicalism. This limp effort should have been shredded by William Hague before it saw daylight.

ERODING THE BEDROCK

The threat to suburbia should be taken seriously

Britain's net curtains are twitching. Urban decay, usually associated with the inner cities, is spreading into parts of suburbia. According to a report for the Civic Trust, the tree-lined avenues, synonymous with family life, face the danger of decline. Ministers should heed this warning. These communities. in which 60 per cent of the population live, cannot be allowed to mimplode. Such a fate would again exacerbate the need for new houses. Instead, a more imaginative approach is required, to attract people into suburbia and lessen the

constant pressure to build in the country. The many attractions of suburban life have been battered by the winds of social change. Suburbs are, by their very nature, dependent on other urban areas. The need to commute and the rapid growth in car ownership has lessened social contact and demobilised Burke's "little platoons". Rather than shop in a high street, people are often lured into retail parks or out-of-town superstores. For young people, sedate suburbia, with its rows of identical houses and apparent culture of conformity, may. appear to be no match for a pulsating city. Worse, the dependence of many suburban areas on one local employer has made them just as vulnerable as mining communities to economic forces. Yet, until now,

their plight has rarely been acknowledged.

There is nothing inevitable about the erosion of the suburbs, nor would such an event be remotely desirable. These remain the communities in which most parents seek to raise their children. They are, as even George Orwell, an occasional critic, once aptly noted, Britain's secret bedrock. Suburbia's fate cannot be disentangled

from, indeed depends upon, the wider debate over housebuilding. The Government contends, on dubious grounds, that 4.4 million homes are needed by 2016 to accommodate the increase in single people. divorcees and elderly people. As an area the size of Newcastle upon Tyne needs to be built upon to meet the demands of the South East alone, the green belt is being loosened. An extra 10,000 acres of such land have been incorporated into development plans since the general election.

John Prescott, facing accusations that he is overseeing the destruction of the countryside, has ruled that 60 per cent of new homes should be built on "brownfield", urban sites. Suburbia's contribution must not be overlooked. Ministers should consider the report's innovative schemes to resuscitate suburban spirit and deter an exodus from Britain's Acacia Avenues. A suburban renaissance might offer novel means of tackling the need for new homes, and keep the net curtains twitching.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cost of improving railway efficiency

From the Chief Executive of Railtrack Sir, Your editorial, "Morton's fork"

(February 4), is a mixture of the very right and the very wrong. We entirely agree that the incentive

framework set up in 1993, when there was no growth on the railway, is mappropriate for today's problems. It has delivered unprecedented growth in passenger and freight, increased investment in infrastructure and rolling stock and a reduction in government subsidy. It has not delivered improvement in train performance. Part of this is a function of the

growth. Congestion models show that a 1 per cent increase in passenger train miles results in a 25 per cent increase in delays. Another cause is the incentive framework where some parts of the railway industry, as you point out, are incentivised more for growth than performance and other parts, including Railtrack, have insufficient incentive for enhancement

I really cannot accept that the blame for all this should fall on Railtrack. We have reduced our delays by over 40 per cent in the last three years - we are now responsible for 45 per cent of all delays, compared with 65 per cent three years ago. This is a bigger increase in productivity than achieved in any other privatised uti-lity. In terms of delays attributed to us we are rimning 4 per cent bener this year than last year. in spite of a 7 per cent increase in passenger train miles.

Far from "barely starting" our investment programme, we have doubled our investment in the infra-structure to £1.45 billion this year approximately four times our annual profit and around ten times the rate of depreciation. No other company in the FTSE 100 is investing so much in relation to its profits. We have a negative cashflow this year of over £500 million due to this programme. Moreover, by the end of next year we will have invested over £1 billion more in renewals than the Rail Regulator required us to invest when he set our access charges in 1994 - and he is proposing in allow no return on this investment

The challenge of improving performance and maintaining the growth momentum without any changes to the incentive regimes is awesome. That is why, since the November summit, we and the train operators have adopted a more collaborative approach. You will hear of more progress on this at the February 25 summit with the Deputy Prime Minister.

The regulator, in his December 9 corporate finance determination, has challenged us to take more risk, making even more investment and raising the required finance. This is fundamental in getting the Government's Transport White Paper implemented. In trur network management statement, to be published in March, you will see us responding to this challenge. Already last week we committed to a £165 million investment at Leeds and are letting contracts, without a guaranteed customer for the

extra capacity.

This is the way forward. We are grasping the nettle.

Yours sincerely GERALD CORBETT. Chief Executive, Railtrack plc. Railtrack House, Euston Square, NWI 2EE. February 4.

From Mr John Stittle

Sir. Your front-page report today, headed Trains getting later and later, is even more alarming when the nation's finances are considered. Since privatisation, not only are the UK's train services more unreliable but they are also costing the taxpayer

Massive state subsidies now support the so-called privatised passen-ger train operators. Until last year financial aid from the public purse was nearly double the subsidie received by the former state-owned British Rail. The passenger now receives a worse service at greater cost.

As you report. John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister, is contract-ually unable to alter the 25 passenger franchisees. However, he could legislate to impose far more onerous financial penalties on train operators whose punctuality and reliability targets fail to meet high standards.

Likewise, the track and signals owner, Railtrack, should have its own investment programme subject to far greater scrutiny. For too long it has provided for investment in its financial statements but has failed to spend the cash.

The regulator must insist that the level of Railtrack's track access fees (payable by train operators) is related far more closely to standards of investment and operating performance. At present, penalties for failure are often a minor irritation. They must hurt the company.

Yours faithfully, JOHN STITTLE (Senior Lecturer, Accountancy and Finance). Anglia Business School. Anglia University. Chelmsford, Essex CM1 ILL j.r.stittle@onglia.ac.uk February 4.

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Teachers' performance and pay

From Mr David Gladstone

Sir. With the greatest respect I can muster I have to say that your leading article today, "Professional pay", is

Every serious study to date has come to the same conclusion: performance-related pay (PRP) does not work, even in the private sector. However the system is structured, it always means rewarding the few at the perceived expense of the many, and such benefits as may result (which are anyway irapossible in measure) from the enhanced motivation of the successful are more than offset by the demotivation of everyone else.

It is all too typical of the Treasury to have seized on an unproven business theory imported from America and turned it into a dogma. It has long been trying to impose PRP on refuctant public services, undeterred by the absence of any proof of its efficacy, fairness or overall cost-

There are two fundamental obections to PRP in the public sector, over and above those in the private. First, public servants are not principally motivated by money. Secondly, there is no reliable way of quantifying

a public servant's output. Your statement that it will cost "up 10 El billion" to implement the scheme only underlines this latter point. Not only will already overstressed head teachers have to waste hours working out ostensibly objective reasons for paying some of their staff more than others, but we are now to create an army of bureaucrats looking over their shoulders and wasting more of everyone's time and money.

If a billion pounds really are suddenly available, it would be far more effective to distribute the money to the schools, to spend as they and the governors see fit.

DAVID GLADSTONE, I Mountion Terrace, NI IJ. February 2.

From the Chief Executive of the Christie Hospital NHS Trust

Sir, Your leading article of January 22, "The potent taxpayer", properly draws attention to the long overdue need for a wider debate on healthcare rationing and the NHS. However, you understate the extent to which rationing currently takes place.

cribing" limitations you refer to, many entire services are fast disappearing from the NHS. Examples would include adult dentistry, assisted conception, much middle-class minor trauma and its resulting apy.

This has not shaken the NHS to its foundations but is simply a con-

Blair and EU veto

From Professor Kenneth Minogue

Sir, I am puzzled by your report, headed "Blair commis Britain to the euro dream" (January 29), that the Prime Minister will agree to "trimming the veto in EU policymaking". Surely it is the case that if an EU policy is good, the Government can agree to it; and if it is bad, the Government must for all our sakes retain the power to reject it. Otherwise we simply sign away our protection against bad policies.

it follows that we must not abandon what little veto remains to us. Those who come after us would not soon forgive such an abandonment of British

Yours faithfully, KENNETH MINOGUE, Centre for Policy Studies, 57 Tufton Street, SWIP 3OL. January 29.

Interest rate change

From Dr Tom Tale

Sir. I see that we have crossed an important watershed. Yesterday's rate cut has prompted the change from the genus "millions meditate mortgage misery" to today's report, which began "Savers were dealt a savage

Yours faithfully. TOM TATE. Snowfield Conage Bearsted, Kent MEt4 4DL t.tate@ic.ac.uk February 5.

Airport at Aldeburgh

From Mr Richard Buxton

recreation and training flights.

The public inquiry is considering whether Suffolk Coastal District Council should have a policy of allowing aviation to start again at Bentwaters at all. It proposes a "low intensity" aviation use. But, surprisingly, it has in mind 50,000 movements as

appropriately "low" intensity. Many people whn value the surFrom the General Secretary of NASUWT

Sir. The performance management model put forward in the Government's technical paper on the future of the teaching profession is hopelessly over-bureaucratic and totally un-

NASUWT has advocated a constructive alternative. This is to link pay to a fair, sensible, streamlined, non-bureaucratic system of appraisal, based on judging the qualities teachers bring to their work. Unlike the government proposals, this model would achieve the aims you nightly support in your leading article of making the profession like any other one where hard work, dedication and motivation are rewarded with promotion and remuneration".

The Government is ill-briefed in claiming in its recent Green Paper. Meeting the Challenge of Change, that teachers have set themselves more strongly against performancerelated pay than most other professions. I know of no other profession that employs PRP on any significant

Most teacher unions reacted positively to the Green Paper. The technical paper is now alienating those of us who were keen to respond positively and build a better future for teachers.

While you may wish to attack those who are already calling for industrial action, you should not be fulled into a false helief that there is not a huge groundswell of antipathy towards the Government welling up in the teach-

I regard the proposals as entirely inappropriate, woefully unmanageable and monstrously bureaucratic. They would hinder and not promote effective teaching.

sumer-driven response to limitation

in public provision. This movement

needs to be accelerated to permit vital

investment in services for genuinely

life-threatening conditions — which

must always remain the responsi-

The notion that every NHS de-

ficiency can simply be resolved by yet

more funding needs to be exposed as

No economy could ever keep pace

with its population's desire for health-

related services, and no government

will ever be so foolish as to try.

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Yours faithfully.

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January 29.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL de GRUCHY. General Secretary, NASUWT, Covent Garden, WC2E 8HN. February 3.

Healthcare rationing

In addition to the "postcode pres-

Byways in peril

From Mr G. Md. Wilson

Sir, Fat chance, Lady Milner-Barry fletter. February 1: see also letters, February 4). The Countryside Commission wants exactly the reverse of a ban on petrol-driven vehicles on byways. It proposes the reclassification of "all unsealed unclassified roads and BOATs (byways open to all traific), by statute, as byways carrying a right of use by all categories of user. including vehicles . . . ".

The only thing green about these roads will be the wellies required to traverse them.

Yours faithfully. GORDON WILSON, Foxhill House, Foxhill, Swindon. Wiltsfure SN4 0DS. February 4.

From Mr Toby Marsden

Sir. The type of damage to which Lady Milner-Barry refers is extremely unusual. In the vast majority of cases the use of green roads by light re-creational vehicles (as upposed to the agricultural vehicles that cause must of the damage) actually maintains the

shape and character of the lane. Removing vehicular rights allows landowners to remove hedges and plough the surface. A ban on motor vehicles using green roads would cause irrevocable damage to these most valuable ancient monuments.

Yours faithfully, TOBY MARSDEN. Orleton Manor, Orleton, Ludlow, Shrewsbury SY8 4HR. February 1.

Sir. Yann Borgstedt's letter on behalf the Anglia International Airport (January 26) suggests a benign airfield with only "ten commercial flights a day". In fact, his company's proposals involve on average 220 aircraft move-ments a day (80,340 movements a year were applied for). In addition to commercial use, there would be many

rounding Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its tranquillity, not just those concerned with Snape Maltings (letter, January 21), consider that any resumption of flying from Bentwaters would be disastrous. Once an airport is established, there is always further pressure for expansion.

The resulting annoyance is made worse by the existence of a rule that aircraft are exempt from legal action for noise nuisance. When this became law in 1920, it was understandably intended to protect the fledgeling aircraft industry. Times have changed, and its application should be re-

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BUXTON (Solicitor - environmental law). 40 Clarendon Street,

Scattered relics of Saint Valentine

From the Very Reverend Paul Chavasse

Sir. Your report on St Valentine's relics (February 3) overlooks the fact that England, 100, has the bones of a St Valentine. These can be found in

the Oratory Church in Edghaston. They were a gift from Pope Pius IX to the then Father Juhn Henry Newman, on the occasion of his return to England in 1848. The Pope told Newman to celebrate this Valentine's feast on his, Newman's, birthday -February 21; a custom we maintain.

Yours sincerely, PAUL CHAVASSE (Provost), The Oratory, Hagley Road, Edgbasion Bl6 8UE.

From Mrs Regine Tatham

Sir, Glasgow and Dublin may not be the only cides to claim the remains of St Valentine. It would seem that Winchester may also have been a much earlier repository for some of these, acquired by no less a person that Queen Emma, wife of Ethelred the Unready and subsequently of King

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle states in 1042: "King Harthachus passed away at Lambeth on 8 June . . . and he is buried in the Old Minster in Winchester with King Cnut, his father." In a footnote, it adds that "for his soul's sake, his mother gave into New Minster the head of St Valentine the

martyr". Unfurtunately there is no record of what happened subsequently to this venerable object. It may have been swept away by Wriothesley, Henry VIII's commissioner, when in 1538, after despoiling the cathedral and priory of its treasures, his men came back the next day to disperse the remaining bones of the saints, "lest it be thought they came for the gold and silver alone".

Yours sincerely REGINE TATHAM. 6 St James Terrace, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4PP. February 4.

Celtic literature

From Mr Matthew J. Pearson

Sir, I was surprised to read in Anne Rooney's review of The Cambridge History of Medieval English Literature (Books, February 4) that "the inclusion of Welsh and Irish vernacular writing is more politically correct than relevant". I disagree with such a sentiment: the appearance in the Cambridge study of Celtic vernacular literature is not a sign of political correctness but more an indication of academic maturity. Many of the religious issues and concerns identified in Welsh and Irish writings echti the feelings enshrined in, fur instance.

English devotional tracts. Moreover, the Celtic world contributed to the development and transmission of Arthurian Romances, a theme of tremendous significance to medieval English literature. In short. the Celtic material provides valuable comparative insights which can only enrich the understanding of the litera-

ture of this period. Within the past decade it has become the norm in general studies of medieval history and literature 10 analyse the British Isles as a whole. and it is a pity Anne Rooney disagrees with this trend.

Yours faithfully. MATTHEW J. PEARSON, School of History and Welsh History. Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DG.

Golden years

From Mr Vivian Vale

Sir, I like to think of middle age (letters, January 5, 12, 19, 26 and 28; February I) as that precious interval after one's doctor has ceased to assure one that "you'll grow out of it", but not yet begun to pronounce "you'll learn to

Yours faithfully, VIVIAN VALE Middle House, 22 Long Street. Cerne Abbas, Dorset DT2 7JF. February 5.

From Mr D. S. Narton

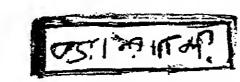
Sir, Middle age occurs when you stop complaining about how much money you have to put into your pension scheme, and start asking how much more you could put in.

Yours faithfully. DAVID NORTON. The Granary, Tickenham Court, Tickenham, Bristul BS2I 6SX.

From Mr M. T. W. Tod

Sir. I can assure Mr A. W. Tod (letter. February 1) that tine well-known symptom of the onset of old age is writing specifically to the bottom right-hand corner of The Times letters page - and if he retaliates on the basis that this letter fulfils the criteriun. I'll restrict lavatury breaks on our longer journeys together.

Yours faithfully.
MICHAEL TOD, Brookside, Padmoor Lane, Upton, Lincolnshire DN2I 5NH. mike@ath.co.uk



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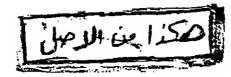
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 6: The Princess Royal. President. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended the press launch of The Great Scottish Walk at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness, Patron. Scorish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commodore Timothy Laurence Royal Navy, afterwards attended the Scotland v Wales International match at Murray-

Birthdays today

Mr David Bramson, senior part-ner, Nabarro Nathanson, 57: Proner. Nabarro Nathanson. 52: Pro-fessor Averil Cameron, FBA, War-den, Keble College, Oxford, 59: Miss Rachel Cusk, author. 32: Sir David Ellion, former civil servant. 69: Mr Osian Ellis, harpist, 71: Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy. Sc: Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton. 84: Lady Howe of Aberayon, thairman, Broadcastof Aberavon, chairman, Broadcast-ing Standards Commission, 67: Lord Jakobovits, 78: Mrs Diana Ladas, former Headmistress, Heathfield School, 86: Professor Ann Lambton, FBA, Emerius Professor of Persian, London Uni-teering 87: Mr. Murray Lambrose versity, 87; Mr Murray Lawrence, former chairman, Lloyd's, 64; Mr former chairman, Lloyd's, 64; Mr Jack Lemmon, actor, 74; Mr Roger Lloyd Pack, actor, 55; Miss Morag Macdonald, former company secre-tary. Post Office, 52: Sir Francis McWilliams. former Lord Mayor of London, 73; Sir Kenneth Mad-docks, former Governor, Fiji. 92; Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, 90; Dr June Paterson, Brown, Lord, Jieu-June Paterson-Brown, Lord Lieu-tenant of Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale, 67: Lord Rayne, 81: Dame Laurie Salas. UN worker, 77: Sir Richard Southern. FBA former President. St John's College, Oxford, 87; Mr G J. Strowger. former managing director, Thorn Electrical Industries, 83; the Rev Dr John Tudor, former superintendent minister, Westminster Central Hall, 69: Mr John T. Williams. composer of film scores, 67.

IN THE north wind, robins

find a perch that projects their

backs and face south to let the

low sun warm their breasts. By

contrast, black-headed guils

out on a field or sitting on

goalposts face the wind so that

I does not ruffle their feathers.

still in Britain, including red-

wings. These small thrushes

with a white eye-stripe and a

red flash under their wing

have started coming into gar-

Long-tailed tits, which are

among the earliest nesters, are

already prospecting for sites

in hedges and gorse bushes:

they are often very tame when

they are doing this. More

hedge sparrows are singing

their thin, piping songs, and

house sparrows are produc-

ing the long strings of chirps

dens in the frost and snow.

Many winter visitors are

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE

February 7: Divine Service was held in West Newton Parish

Church this morning. The Reverend Canon George Hall

preached the Sermon. Mrs Graham Harrod was re-

ceived by The Queen and was presented with the Bar in the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver)

awarded to her late husband, Mr Graham Harrod.

The Princess Royal, patron, the Basic Skills Agency, will attend the British Council International

reception at The Strand Palace Hotel, London WC2 at 6.30.

Institute of Chartered Secreta ics and Administrators

Mrs Diana Kingdon, President of the Women's Society of the Insti-tute of Chartered Secretaries and

Administrators, presided at a dinner held on Saturday at Dart-

mouth House. Baroness Uddin and Miss Angela Squires, presi-dent of the institute, were the guest

The English-Speaking Union The English-Speaking Union held a dinner at Guildhall on Saturday

to celebrate the final of the 11th

World Schools Debating Champi-

onships, chaired by Cherie Booth, QC. Baroness Brigstocke, chair-

man of the union, and Mrs Valerie

Mitchell, director-general, received the guests.

Mr Keith Vaz, MP, Ms Ffion

Jenkins and Mr Gerard Lemos have been elected to the Board of

The long-tailed tit

that pass for singing among

Last summer's seeds are

finally dispersing. Dry keys

are blowing down from the

ash trees, and crumbling clus-

onto dog fir and trousers. On

hazel bushes, the long catkins

are filling with yellow pollen

and starting to swing in the

wind, and small blueish-

green leaves are opening on

the climbing stems of honey-

Elections

British Council

the British Council.

Nature notes

Today's royal

engagement

Dinners

sity of London is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Bedford College, one of its constituent parent Colleges and the first higher education institu-tion for women. The Sesquicentenary Celebrations begin on Wednesday, February 17, with the public Fawcett Lecture 150 Years of Enlightenment by Baroness Warnock, at Senate House, Malet Street, WC1. Other events include public lectures, departmental reunions, a conference Women & Brainpower, the official opening of the Bedford Centre for the History of Women and the award of Honorary Fellowships and De-grees to women of distinction.

University

news Royal Holloway, University of This year, Royal Holloway, Univer

Celebratory Programmes for Alumni, Staff and Friends of Bedford College are avilable from Marta Baker, External Relations. RHBNC, Egham, Surrey TW20 OEX (tel: 01784 443004). Cambridge Darwin College

made at Darwin College, Cam-

bridge:
Finley Research Fellowship in
Ancient History: Barbara Kowalzig, MA, MS.
Munby Visiting Fellowship in
Bibliography for the academical
year 1999-2000: Ian Anders Gadd,
MA, MS.

Sir John Cass's **Foundation**

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Gavyn Arthur, attended the annual Sir John Cass's Foundation Founder's Day comary 5 at the Church of St Botolph-without-Aldgate, to mark the 338th Anniversary of the birth of the founder, Sir John Cass, The Rev B. Lee officiated,
Mr M. Venn, CBE, Treasurer,
Professor R. Floud, Provost of

London Guildhalf University, the Rev C. Chessun, Rector of SI Dunstan and All Saints: Stepney, and Mr P. Nove, QPM. Commis-sioner of the City of London Police, processed from the Foundation's offices to the church,

A reception was held afterwards in Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School, Aldgate, when guests pledged the memory of the

Brighton College

Term started at Brighton College on January 4 and on Thursday, February II, Mrs Virginia Bottom-ley, MP, will deliver the Jubifee lecture entitled Careers for Women in the Next Century to mark 25 years of co-education at the College: all OB's and friends of Brighton College are welcome at 8pm. Other speakers at the College this term include Lord Hurd of Westwell, CH, Ms Virginia McKenna, Lord Baker of Dorking, CH. Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Professor ters of hooked seeds on the burdock plants are catching Professor Jon Stallworthy, FBA, Dr Garret Fitzgerald and Mr Jimmy Hill, who recently refaunched football as a major sport

> Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, will be Guest of Honour on Speech Day, on Saturday, July 3, Com-memoration and Graduation will DJM be on Sunday, July 4.





John Lawson, the printer who paid the penalty for libelling Sir John Conroy, right

Jailing of printer recalled

By JOHN VINCENT

A SILVER snoff box presented to the printer of The Times. on his release from prison after serving a one-month sentence for publishing a libellous article, has surfaced at auction after 160 years. The unfortunate printer,

John Joseph Lawson, was jailed on January 30, 1839, in the second year of Queen Victoria's reign, over an article casting aspersions on the purchase of an estate in Wales by Sir John Conroy, Lawson

was the printer of The Times, responsible not only for the technical staff and equipment but also for the content of the

According to a contempo-rary rule of court, he was convicted by a jury of "a certain misdemeanour in printing and publishing certain scandalous libeis". He was ordered to pay a

fine "to our Lady the Queen of £200 of lawful money of Great Britain and that he be impris-oned in the custody of the Marshall of the Marshallsea of this court for the term of one calendar month now next The presentation silver snuff box, hallmarked 1838.

bears the inscription: "To J J Lawson Esq on the day of his liberation from the Queen's bench prison, from a very sincere friend, 28th February

The snuff box is being sold on February 17 by Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex by a woman who inherited it from a barrister. It is expected to fetch up to £650.

Church news BIRTHS: Robert Burton, scholar

The Rev Dr Charles John Wykeham Hedley, Team Vicar of Gleadless in the Sheffield Diocese, has been appointed Rector of St James s, Piccadilly. Other appointments include:

The Rev Karen Gorham, Assistant Curate, Northallerton w Kirby Sigston (York), to be Priest-in-Charge, Maidstone St Paul (Canterburyl. Canon Philip Groves, CMS Mission Partner. Io be Team Vicar.

Melton Mowbray (Leicester). The Rev Graham Herbert, Chaplain, Monkton Combe School, Bath (Bath & Wells), to be Assistant Curate, Claygate Holy Trinity (Guildford). The Rev John Hine, Priest-in-Charge, Great Broughton and Broughton Moor (Carlisle), to be also Priest-in-Charge, Brigham (same diocese). The Rev Colin Hudspith, Curate. Barnstaple (Exeter), to be Vicar.

Shirwell (same diocese). The Rev Neil Kelley, Assistant Curate, Kirkby St Chad (Liverpools, to be incumbent. Great Crosby St Faith w Waterloo St Mary (same diocese). Canon Michael Kitchener, War-

RPLEY - Sidney Otway peacefully after a short illness on 5th February.

Voteran Car endusiast, Husband of the late Amy, father of the late Stella,

father of the late Stella, grandfather of Peter, Andrew and Roger and greet-grandfather of Lottle Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium Main Chapel on Thursday 11th February at 4 pm. Family flowers only, but any donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief would be appreciated, c/o Haine & Son Ltd. 19 South Street. Eastbourne.

den, Rydal Hall, and Priest-in-Charge, Rydal (Carlisle), to be Director of Ordinands and Canon of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich). The Rev Alan Utton, Rector,

Newchurch (Liverpool), to be also Priest-in-Charge, Croft w South-worth (same diocese). The Rev Alison Montgomery, NSM. Ripon Holy Trinity (Ripon), to be also Warden of Readers

The Rev Graham Morris, Team Vicar, Bilston (Lichfield), to be Rector, Northwood St John the Baptist, and Vicar, Gurnard All ints (Portsmouth). The Rev Alan Murray, Curate,

Mortomley St Saviour High Green (Sheffield), to be Priest-in-Charge, Doncaster St James. The Rev David Peck, Curate, Weybridge (Guildford), to be Chap-The Rey Paul Rattigan, Assistan Curate. Parr St Peter (Liverpool). to be Vicar. St Helens St Matthew Thatto Heath (same diocese). Canon Brian Robinson. Priest-in-Charge, Widnes St Mary, and Area Dean of Widnes (Liverpool), in be also Priest-in-Charge.

Widnes St Paul (same diocese).

Anniversaries

1931.

Lindley, Leicestershire, 1577: John Ruskin, writer, artist and social reformer, London, 1819; William Sherman, Union general in Ameri can Civil War, Lancaster, Ohio, 1820; Jules Verne, novelist, Nantes. 1828: Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Tobolsk, Russia, 1834; Martin Buber, philosopher, Vienna, 1878; Dame Edith Evans, actress, London, 1888; King Vidor, film direc-tor, Galveston, Texas, 1894; James Dean, actor, Marian, Indiana,

DEATHS: Mary Queen of Scots, executed at Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire. 1587; Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia 1682-1725, St Petersburg, 1725; R.M. Ballantyne, novelist, Rome, 1894; Prince Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anar-chist, Dmitroy, Russia, 1921; William Bateson, biologist and geneticist, Merton, Surrey, 1926; Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect, London, 1960.

A peaceful demonstration of the unemployed in Trafalgar Square, London, ended in rioting and looting, 1886.

Shergar, the Aga Khan's Derby winner, was kidnapped from a stable in Co Kildare and a ransom of £2 million was demanded, 1983.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Arpison-Newgast and Miss T.C. Reed

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Arnison-Newgass, of Romsey, Hampshire, and Tamara Claire, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dallas Reed, of Durban,

Mr A.J. Brett and Miss D.C. Judd

The engagement is announced between Alastair John, son of the tate Mr and Mrs John Brett, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Diana Caroline, daughter of Mr Anthony Judd and the late Mrs Gloria Judd. of London NW6.

Dr D.L. Clift and Dr L.A. Ardnino

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of the late Mr Leslie Clift and of Mrs Clift, of Parbold, Lancashire, and Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Arduino, of Ban-

Mr M.J.W. Freeland and Miss A.E. Plonmer

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of the late Mr Neil Freeland and of Mrs Neil Freeland, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Plommer, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr S.D.A. Griffiths and Miss H.D. Richmond

The engagement is announced between Steffan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Griffiths, of Lingfield. Surrey, and Harriet, only daughter of the Right Rev and Mrs Henry Richmond, of Oxford.

Mr J.M. Hogge and Miss K.P. Best

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Major General and Mrs Michael Hogge, of Brockham, Surrey, and Kathryn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Best, of Windsor. Mr D.A. Holdcroft

and Miss N.E.A. Forsyth

The engagement is announced between Darren Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Holdcroft, of Bearstone Mill, Market Drayton, Shropshire, and Nicola Elizabeth Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Forsyth, of Sheraton House, Irelands Cross, Woore, Cheshire. Mr R.W. Kermode

and Miss M. Carty The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Kermode, of Standlake, Oxfordshire, and Mairéad, daughter of Mrs Margaret Mary Carty and the late Mr John Carty, of North West London.

Mr S. Milligan and Miss V.A. Farrell

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs O. Milligan, of Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and Vickie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Parrell, of Wootlon Wawen,

Mr P.M. O'Connell and Dr A. Falconer The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of the late

Mr Michael O'Connell and of Mrs O'Connell, of Claygate, Surrey, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Falconer, of Stockport.

and Miss J.R. Semple The engagement is announced hetween Martin, son of Dr and Mrs R.A. Hamilton, of Troon, and Joanna, daughter of Dr and Mrs

and Miss C. Head The engagement is announced between Gavin Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs Ross Thomson, of Mr and Mrs Ross Findingsh, of Balcombe, West Sussex, and Caroline, only daughter and eldest child of Elsie Head and David Head, of Invercargill, New Zealand. Mr N. Tyce and Miss H. Nimmo Smith

P.F. Semple, of Glasgow.

Mr G.R. Thoms

The engagement is announced between Nathaniel, elder son of Mr and Mrs fan Tyce. of Maidstone, Kent. and Harriet, daughter of Lord and Lady Nimmo Smith, of Edinburgh.

Marriages

Major S.H. Cowen and Miss E.J. Holland The marriage took place on Satur-day at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Forthampton, Gloucester-shire, of Major Stuart Cowen, The Blues and Royals, younger son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Robin Cowen, of Shawdon Hall, Northumberland, to Miss Elizabeth Holland, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Holland, of Chaceley Lodge, Chaceley, The Rev David The bride, who was given in

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attend-ed by Emily Broughton, Lucinda Bailey, Jemima Bailey, George Lane-Fox and Charlie Onslow, Mr Andrew Cowen was best man.

A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers and non commis-sioned officers of The Life Guards

and The Blues and Royals. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr A. Dunn and Miss T. Aylward

The marriage took place on Friday, February 5, at The Manor House, The Green, Sidcup, between Mr Tony Dunn, son of Mrs Shirley Dunn, of Rotherhithe, London, and Mr Tony Dunn, of France, and Miss Tina Aylward, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Aylward, of Sidcup, Kent.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was an anended by Miss Emma Dunn and Lindsey Jones. Mr Lee Jiggins was best man. A reception was held at the Montrose Private Club, Sidoup, and the honeymoon is being spent in Cuba. Mr.CD Milling and Mrs E.M. Elliott

The marriage took place on Wednesday, February 3, 1999, between Mr Christopher Milling and Mrs Elizabeth (Libby) Elliott. Mr J.M.A. Wilford and Ms S.A. Roth

The marriage took place yesterday, Sunday, February 7, 1999, at Cliveden, of Mr John Wilford, youngest son of Mrs Audrey Wilford and the late Mr Basil Wilford, of Stafford, to Ms Aviva Roth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Roth, of London. The bride was attended by her

children Natasha and Benjamin and by Mrs Isabel Arbisman. Mr Paul Stater was best man. The honeymoon is being spent in South Africa.

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bushand. Iather and grandpa. sadly missed by Maggie, Martin, Mandy, Sarah, Becky and cousin Alan. To know him was to love him: Funeral 12 noon, Monday 15th February at at Mary-at-Finchley, Hendon Lane, N3. Simple Rowers or donations please to Barnardos, c/o J H Kenyon Funeral Directors, 6 Woodhanse Road, Finchley, London N12 ORC. 0181 445 1651.

HOWKINS - Eric Charles TD. FCA. Late of Brackley. Northants, so 31st January 1999 aged 22 years, Cremation at the Chilterns

Crematorium, Amerahan Suckinghamshire 11,30s

auckingnamanire 11.30am on 11th February 1999. No flowers piesse. Il desired, donations to Cancur Research c/o Heritage & Sons, 1a Bristle Hill, Buckingham.

KIRKALDY BA I Homs) Cecily Margaret. Beloved
and loving wile, mother
and grandmother, died
peacefully in the Royal
Margden Hospital London,
after an illness bravely
fought. The funeral will be
beld on Wednesday
February 10th at Oak Hill
Collage Chapef at 1 LOGam,
followed by a privata
cremation. Flowers from
close family only.
Donations to the 'Oak Hill
Uganda Project' th Cecily's
memory c/o the Bursar.
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MEARNS - On February 4th 1989, Donald Howard FRCO, ARMCM, LRAM, aged 65 years, the dearly loved husband of

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February as the result of
an accident, Anthony
Morvyn Peduzzi, age 75
dear husband of Margaret,
and father of Anthony and
David. Requirem Mass at
Westminster Cathedral on

Westminster Cathedral on Westminster Latter February at LODp.m. followed by Cremation. Family flowers only. For donations to charity and other enquiries contact: A. France & Son LTD. W.C.1. 0171 405 4901

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tionour Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when some-one asks you about your hope. I Peter 3.15 (CEV).

BIRTHS

BAYLISS - On 4th February to Sarah and Jonathan, a daughter, Cecily Mary Elizabeth. GARDNER - On February 3rd

in Dubai, to Amende in Pearsonl and Francis, a daughter, Sasha Sophis, a sister for Melissa. HULME - On January 23rd at Derby City General Hospital to Ruth, a son Benjamin Hareley Davy.

Benjamin Hareley Davy.
LOYD - On February 3rd
1999, to Tars and James,
daughter, Eliza Rose, a
sister for William.
ROPER - On January 29th
1999, to Rhyddian inde
Willis; and Tony, a
daughter, Poppy
Elizabeth, a sister for
William and Thomas. William and Thomas

DEATHS

ALIAGA-KELLY, - Christopher Michael oo February 4th 1999 peacefully with his family at St. Richard's Hospital Chichester. Beloved husband of Cynthia and devoted (ather to Veronica (Bevan) Peter and the late Michael Grandfather to Henry

Ben, Charlotte and Isabel. Requiem Mass at 11.00 am oo Wednesday 10th February at St. Laurence's Church Petersfield and afterwards to Ireland. No flowers please, donations if wished to Friends of St. Richard's, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, W. Sussex PO19 4SE.

BIRNAGE - Joy, beloved widow of Leslie and mother of Jeza (Jenny), peacefully in her 98th year at Ouchard House Nursing North East Surrey Crematorium Lower Morden Lane Morden Surrey at 2.00 pm on Thursday February 11th. Family flowers only. Donarions if wished to Friends of the Elderly c/o ruelove & Sons 118 ershalton Road, Sulton,

SULLOCH - Died on 2nd February at Olney, Suckinghamshire, M.E.R. (Peter) Sulloch OBE aged 79, Isther of Nicholas and Claire grandfather of Sarsh, Alastair, Alexander and Fraddie, Iate of M.C.S and P.A. Northern Rhodesia and the S.I.T.B. Criss feasible funcal at he Quiat family funeral as he

DEATHS

BURT - On 2nd February
after a short illness,
Josephino Pairicia (née
Graham), widow of Oliver,
aged 84 years. Funeral at
Putney Vale Crematorium
on Friday 12th February
at 11 am. No Oowers;
donations if desired to the
Cancer Relief MacMillan
Fund.

COOLE - Dorothy 4th
February 1999 in her 97th
year pescefully to a
nursing home. Much loved
by all her family and
friends. Service and
interment at all Lukes
Church, Formby oo
Tuesday 9th February at
2.30 pm. All enquiries to
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FARRELL - P.J. On 3rd
February 1999 in her 90th
year. Jo, widow of W.F.
and mother of Robert, the
late James J.C. I and
Richard. A much loved
mother and grandmother.
Funeral at Oxford
Crematorium on Friday
12th February 1999 at
2.15pm. Family flowers
only, but donations if
desired to Defisating
Deafness (The Hearing
Research Trust, 330-332
Cray's Inn Road, London

To place death notices acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

HARRIS - Leslie S.L. of Finchier, London died pescefully oo 3rd February 1999 after a short illness, Beloved busband, father and

DUNN - Spencer James
L.L.B. (Sollicitor) late of
Orietoo Inear Ludlow).
Woking and Portsmouth,
Pescofully in hospital on
2nd February 1999.
Funeral at St. Lawrence's,
Ludlow at 1.00 pm,
Thursday 11th February
1999. No flowers,
donations if desired to
British Heart Foundation.

Gray's Inn Road, London WCIX SEE.

HARPER - David Roy aged 49 years, suddenly on 30th January. Greatly loved husband of Sharon, nee Halfhide, son of Roy and Peggy. The funeral service will take place at St Christopher's Church, Willingsle on Monday 15th February 1999 at 1.30 pm. followed by cremation. Family Rowers only. followed by cremation.
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SALMON - Margaret Lillian peacefully in Winchester on February 4th aged 89. Beloved sister of Alec and greatly loved sunt and great-aunt. Former Matron of Du Boulays, Winchester Collega. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Winchester on Friday February 25th at 12.45 pm, Family flowers only. Donastions, if desired to Arthritis Reasearch (o Juo. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 OHU.

THORN - Veronica Leura died peacefully at home on February 4th. Seleved wife of John and loving mother of James and Polly. Fumeral in Winchester College Channel on College Chapel on Thursday, February 11th at 12:30 pm. Family 11th at 12:30 pm. Family 10wers only. Donations for Cancer Reliaf Macmillan Fund, c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chenil House, Winchester.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

MARNETT - Olive, A Service of Thanksgiving for Olive Barnett will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 1 th March 1999 at the Ousen's Chapel of the Savoy London, Savoy Street, London WC2.

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KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

King Hussein of Jordan died in Amman of cancer yesterday aged 63. He was born oo November 14, 1935, and succeeded his father as King on August 11, 1952.

ussein bin Talal, the third ruler of the Hashemite kingof Jordan. could claim to be the longest-ruling monarch of his time and one of the most skilful politicians of the second half of the 20th century. He controlled the fortunes of his country for well over half its history, turning what was an artificial creation with few resources, little cohesion and an uncertain future into a modern, orderly and

During his time on the throne of Jordan, his tiny but strategically placed country often seemed to face extinction. Predatory neighbours, Middle East conflicts. Arab nationalism and civil war all threatened to destroy the country and the Hashemite monarchy. But each ome Hussein held on and prevailed. By the time of his death, cost Jordanians had known no ther ruler. He gave his country an idenoty and a patriotic substance that made it, improbably, an oasis of moderation in a harsh desert of hatred. Most Jordanians knew that they were better ruled than almost all the Arabs around them.

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King Hussein's internacional importance went far beyond his small, dusty country. Over four decades Jordan became the pivot on which depended, at various times. Israel's security, Iraq's econ-omy, a Western role in the Middle East and the future of Arab nationalism and Islamic fundamentalism. For this reason, Hussein stood at the centre of all Middle Eastern politics. He was a frequent visitor to the While House and to Downing Street, a familiar figure at international gatherings and the funerals of world statesmen, a man whose unrivalled experience of politics gave him an authority and standing in direct contrast to his

mall physical stature.
By the 1990s he had also become a popular and respected figure in his own country. Millions lined the streets to welcome him home in 1992 after his first brush with cancer; even more turned out, with spontaneous displays of affection, when he returned again last month after six months at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to quell what he saw as dangerous dynastic squabbling. He had, since then, been compelled to go back to America for treatment finally returning to Jordan when it was clear that there was no

further remedy. But his popularity was far from assured at the start of his reign when, as a boy King, he prematurely succeeded his father, Talal, who had been forced to abdicate on health grounds. His survival, and that of his kingdom, owed as much to his personal qualities as it did to Western military support in times

regal system established with the United Nations. Above all, it was King Hussein's courage, intuition and political acumen in sensing which way the wind blew that saved him. In the Western world. he was the humane face of Arab tradition. By contrast, most Arabs suspected his loyalty, on account of his secret dealings with Israel and close relations with the West, particularly Britain and the United States. But by the end even his opponents admired his tenacity and his record of magnanimity. No ruler would have lasted so long in one of the world's most turbulent regions without his cunning; but few would have dared to spare the lives of the many ringleaders who ploned his assassination, murdered his advisers and tried to usuro his authority.

A "tightrope walker" was a description often applied to him. bours, seemed always vulnerable, and was nearly always the underdog. In his early years, in the turbulent anti-Western atmosphere whipped up by Nasser and other Arab nationalists after Suez, he was the target of more than half a dozen assassination attempts either by Syrian jet fighters trying to shoot down his plane or by ploners within the palace substituting acid for eyedrops or poison for toothpaste.

Had they succeeded. Jordan would almost certainly have been thrown into the pit of blood-letting that swallowed republican Iraq, Syria and Egypt. His radical criocs

Lady Rogers, wife of Sir

Housing Association.

might also have given a pretext to hardliners in Israel to scize a large part of the East Bank of the Jordan River, to expel the bulk of the Palestinians from the West Bank across the river, and to declare that Jordan was now Palestine and that the problem was solved.

Hussein bin Talal was born in November 1935, at a time when the newly created state of Jordan subsisted on a £12 million grant from Britain. His father, Crown Prince Talal, and his mother, Princess Zain, lived in a modest house with a single bathroom in Amman. Money was scarce - so much so that at one time Hussein was ordered to sell a bicycle that his cousin, the young King Faisal II of Iraq, had given him during a visit to Baehdad

A more serious worry for the family was the growing moodiness and violence of his father, though only later were the symptoms recognised as those of schizophrenia. The King, Abdullah, misunderstood his son's problems and directed his affections towards his grandson. From an early age, the boy would be taken to Abdullah's presence to spend hours listening to reports and deliberations with advisers. For his primary and secondary education he was sent to a number of schools, including one

in Alexandria, Egypt. In 1948 Britain withdrew its forces from Palestine on the expiry of its League of Nations mandate, the Jews declared an independent state of their own, the Arabs around them invaded and were defeated, and King Abdullah annexed the West Bank and Arabdominated East Jerusalem to Jordan. Passions ran high and, on Friday, July 20, 1951, Hussein saw his grandfather fall to a Palestinian assassin's bullet as they entered the Al Aqsa mosque on Temple Mount. It was for him, as he later wrote in his vivid autobiography Lineasy Lies the Head, a rite of passage. He learnt in that moment of grief and panic that there were enemies around him. He grew up quickly.

The crown passed to Abdullah's deteriorating son, and Hussein was sent to Britain, to be educated at Harrow, where King Faisal was already a pupil. There, by all accounts, he enjoyed being treated as a normal young man and displayed considerable spirit at rugby. But the respite was not to last. Back in Amman, his father's irrationality deepened, to the extent that Oveen Zain and her younger children feared for their lives and refused to return from Europe. On August 11, 1952, the two Houses of Parliament in Animan dismissed Talal and declared the 16-year-old Hussein his successor.

Hussein returned to Jordan immediately and toured the country clan chiefs. Then he returned to Britain for a few months at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst to learn the rudiments of soldiering while he awaited his formal inauguration as King.

The future looked grim for the remaining monarchies of the Middle East. In Iran, the popular movement to nationalise the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company had reduced the Shah to a titular role, while in Egypt a group of army officers had toppled King Farouk and planned to end ties with Britain. In Jordan itself, the ruling family lacked legitimacy in the eyes of most subjects, especially Palestinian refugees, who then formed a majority. The first King, Abdullah, was the son of the former Sharif of Mecca. driven out after Ibn Saud's conquest of the peninsula and installed by Britain as the ruler of the new state largely drawn up by Churchill to safeguard British interests in the area. Above all, the uprooting of large numbers of Arabs from Palestine and the widespread Arab sense of shame raised passions against all those who were seen as collaborators with outsiders -especially with Britain, the former

mandate power. The young King realised that his position was precarious. He moved swiftly to appoint a liberal Prime Minister and to hold relatively free elections, only to dismiss both when his criocs won the majority of parliamentary seats and organised demonstrations against him. He dismissed Lieutenant-General Sir John Bagot Glubb. "Glubb Pasha". Iraq to counter the United Arab



as commander of the army, the Arab Legion, and negotiated subsidies from his enemies, such as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, to replace the grant from Britain (though only the Saudis delivered their share). He declared his readiness to attack Israel after the Israeli invasion of the Sinai peninsula in the Suez crisis of 1956, but was dissuaded at the last minute by advisers who pointed out that the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty, which was still in place, would not protect him from Israeli retaliation.

Nevertheless, his critics were not satisfied. Cairo radio, which was popular in Jordan, regularly denounced him as "the Hashemite whore' and "the treacherous dwarf" for refusing to subsume his country in the new United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria. At home, he had to be on guard constantly against plotters in the army and assassins in the palace. Students made a regular habit of burning the Jordanian flag.

To opponents of the Hashemites, the Royal Family appeared always to put its own dynastic interests before the greater Arab cause; Hussein's defence - that Israel could not be defeated militarily although true, was seen as pretext. Some members of the family infuriated the King himself in their rush to gather wealth. Hussein on more than one occasion admonshed the most disliked, his powerful maternal uncle, Nasser bin Jamil, for his shady business dealings and lucrative monopolies.

The decade after the Suez crisis was one of survival and consolidation for Hussein. He struck back as the President of the United Arab Republic, Gamal Abdel Nasser, for 'hiding behind UN armistice lines while criticising smaller states for not attacking Israel", and he survived the murder of his cousin. King Faisal II, in Iraq's military coup of July 1958, when Britain rushed troops to Jordan to bolster its morale. Before the coup, Hussein had united his country with Republic, and had even placed his army under Iraqi command.

When the Six-Day War of June 1967 erupted, Hussein faced an agonising dilemma. He knew full well that his country was no match for Israel, and that if he were to fight he would certainly be defeated and lose part of his kingdom. Yet such were the popular pressures that he could not stand aside. The result was the tragedy he predicted, particularly for the Palestinians of Fast Jerusale Never again was Hussein to hold sway over the Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, a fact that continued to wound him for many years.

he next big crisis in his life proved almost as traumaoc. Under Yassir Arafat the newly invigorated Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) expanded its network widely in Jordan. By 1970 the fedayeen were virtually a state within a state, manning roadblocks and even levying taxes on thousands of Palestinian refugees in the country. PLO raids on Israeli targets across the ceasefire line provoked devastating Israeli retaliation against Jordanian villages. Such activity was a threat to Jordan on yet another level. Israel had at that time a secret plan to manufacture an incident to enable it to annexe the East Bank, to which it would then expel the the Palesonians of the West Bank, setting up a Palestinian state as a solution to its internal problems. It had been restrained from doing so only by repeated warnings from the United States, the personal friendship of whose Presidents Hussein had

worked hard to gain. The final straw came with the Palestinian hijacking of Western planes and the stand-off in the Jordan desert, where they landed and were finally blown up. Hussein was humiliated. The Jordan Army surrounded Dawson's Field. but could do nothing. On Septem-ber 15, Hussein acted. He issued an ultimatum to the fedayeen, handed

over power to the army, and tanks entered Amman on September 17, beginning the devastating civil war known afterwards as "Black Sep-tember". The largely Beduin army was brutal in pursuit of the guerrillas; the Palestinian civil population was cowed and afraid. At the height of the fighting, Syria sent tanks across the border. But the Jordan forces fought back fiercely, and the Syrians turned back, "We gave them a bloody nose," Hussein later said.

The conflict nevertheless caused consternation among Arab nationalists throughout the Middle East. Jordan was ostracised, and its monarch became a figure of harred. The PLO was driven out of Jordan, but its terrorist operations were given a new boost. King Husseln moved swiftly to try to repair the damage, but relations inside the kingdom were tense, and the security services were given a free hand. They did not prevent the assassination of Wash al-Tal, the Jordanian Prime Minister and a close friend of the King, in 1971 in Cairo. But a spate of counter-assassinations, many by Israeli Intelligence, also weakened the PLO, which abandoned the strategy of raids across the Israeli border.

Concentrating on his own country's security. Hussein was in no position - or mood - to join the wider struggle against Israel. In October 1973, when war came with a surprise attack across the Suez Canal and in the Golan Heights. Hussein was not consulted in advance. He sent only a token brigade up to the Golan Heights: ironically it was the 40th Armoured Brigade which had fought so hard against the Syrian tanks.

The Yom Kippur War set the course of many later events in the region. It was fought, for the first ome, without the backing of the Soviet Union — President Sadar having previously expelled all Soviet military advisers from Egypt and it was the only war in which the Egyptian Army acquitted itself reasonably well. It paved the way

for Henry Kissinger's surprise visit to Egypt, the rapid cooling of relations with Syria, President Sadat's decision to go it alone by visiting the Israeli Knesset in 197 and the subsequent Camp David agreements of 1978.

Following the agreements, the American President, Jimmy Carter, urged King Hussein to follow suit and sign a similar bilateral peace treaty with Israel. But such was the anger in the Arab world for what it saw as betrayal by Egypt that he did not dare.

The war of 1973 had yet another consequence for Jordan. The Arab summit of October 1974 decided to recognise the PLO as the only representative of the Palestinian people. That decision hurr King Hussein personally, as well as politically. His family's legitimacy as a dynasty rested on its claim to descend from the Prophet Muhammad, and he cherished his guardianship of the holy places of Islam in East Jerusalem. Now these were being taken away from him. He protested, but accepted the decision with grace. In return, Hussein set aside his biner feud with Arafai though there was no love lost between them.

fter the Iraqi invasion of Iran in September 1980, which followed the toppling of King . Hussein's lung-time friend Shah Mohammad Reza by Muslim and left-wing radicals, he stepped in quickly on Irag's side in make up for the closure of the Gulf to Iraqi shipping, Subsequently, for eight years, he rurned Jordan into Iraq's main supply rouse and the Jordanian commercial class, including the Royal Family, reaped rich rewards. Laier, King Hussein placed his political hopes in Saddam Hussein's advancement on the Arab scene and consistently supported the tragi ruler in his quest to dominate Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. It was a fatal friendship, that was later to cost the King dear.

The second Gulf War of 1941, in which 29 naoons, including many Arab ones, sent forces to Saudi Arabia to liberate Kuwait from the grip of Saddam Hussein, endeared King Hussein to Arab nationalists. While saying that the annexation of a sovereign country was unacceptable, he refused to condemn Saddam's action and opposed the disparch of American and Briosh aircraft to Saudi Arabia. He described the invasion as "understandable", and called for negoriation with Saddam. He even hailed the fantastic demand of the Iraqi ruler - the immediate withdrawal of Israell forces from the Palestinian-occupied territories in return for talks over Kuwait - as "laudable, legitimate and realistic".

During the brief war, thousands of Palesonian workers left the Gulf for, or were expelled to, Jordan. and the oil-rich states, hitherto the Hussein, ended all their support to him. The United States President. George Bush, although furious with Hussein's "betrayal", decided quickly to forgive him. Jordan's co-operation was needed for a new Middle East peace conference that Washington was planning for Madrid later in the year.

King Hussein was laier to describe his attempt to stop the war and to intercede with Saddam as one of the hardest and most painful of his life. He knew by then that Saddam was the kind of tyrani intent on keeping hold of his conquests, and that the West would go to war. But support for Iraq was overwhelming in Jordan. Had the King not anempted to ward off conflict, his throne would have been in danger. In the end he gave only verbal support to Iraq, and did nothing to help Saddam militarily. But it was enough to infuriate the Kuwaitis and Saudis. The Saudi Royal Family had long been suspicious of King Hussein's dynastic claims, and was determined to exploit his difficulties. Aid to Jordan was stopped immediately. Hussein was snuhbed. It took almost eight years before Saudi Arabia restored normal relations again, and Kuwait held out even

longer. Hussein played a quiet hut forceful role in trying to get the proposed Madrid peace conference off the ground. He persuaded prominent West Bankers to hold direct talks with Israel as part of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delega-non, and although the Madrid conference failed to achieve a breakthrough, it paved the way for a regular dialogue herween Israel and its neighbours.

Meanwhile, the Nurwegians had set up a secret secondary channel. The PLO and the new Labour Government of Israel held secret talks for more than a year, which led to the astonishing news of their mutual recognition. Suddenly, Israelis appeared ready to negotiate directly with Arafat, and he with them. Jordan was cut out of the picture. When these talks were revealed to the world in 1993, it was an unpleasant surprise for King Hussein, and he feared that Jordan was again being sidelined. But he accepted the sethack with grace, once again, and he proceeded to sign his own, highly unpopular peace treaty with Israel in 1994. After that he lent his presence to

high-profile occasions in an attempt to keep moving along the bumpy path of peace. For this, he won the admiration of many millions of people all over the world, especially in Israel, where even the Likud came to see him as indispensable for regional peace. His speech at the funeral of the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin surprised the Israelis by its warmth, visionary idealism and hopes for reconciliation. His use of the word "brother" particularly touched Israeli public opinion, and arguably laid to rest many old suspicions of Arab intentions - although it evoked just as many in the Arab world. The King also visited the homes of Israeli victims of Jordanian terrorists, and in October 1998 he intervened in the Israeli-Palestinian talks at Wye Plantation in the United States despite already appearing to be in the last stages of

King Hussein's enduring characteristics were courage, modesty and humour - the last owing something, perhaps, to his British education. Interviewers were always taken aback by his calling them "Sir". But he also had a charisma and a pride that placed him very much in the line of earlier absolute — monarchs. The difference was Hussein's magnanimity, which again and again set the example for a political system which, despite being a royal dictajorship, was certainly benign. King Hussein had a patriarchal belief that his country was like his family, and felt it his duty to educate it and lead it to political maturity. But he never doubled that he should be at its head as a King in power as well as name. He was a noted pilot, and often flew himself around the world, famously dipping his wings once in salute as he flew over Israel after concluding the peace agreement.

He dies at a time when the future of Jordan looks more secure than at any other period in his long reign. though the final dramatic dis-inheritance of his brother Hassan. Crown Prince since 1965, caused considerable alarm. Prince Abdullah, who was nominated in his place during the dramatic week when the King returned from the Mayo Clinic in January, has the all-important support of the army: and Prince Hassan appears, at least for now, to have accepted his disinheritance with equanimity.

King Hussein, with a young taste for fast living, pretty girls and daredevil, almost impish, behaviour, was married four times. The first unhappy brief marriage to Princess Dina ended quickly in divorce. His marriage to Toni Gardiner, the daughter of a British Army officer, was a poliocal risk, because she was an English Chrisnan. Becoming a Muslim and taking the name Princess Muna. she brought him great happiness and four children. Their marriage ended in a surprisingly amicable divorce, and Hussein then married Alia Toukan, the daughter of a prominent Palestinian family. He loved her deeply, but the short marriage - which produced three children - ended in tragedy when she was killed in a helicopier accident. He was devastated.

His final marriage was to Lisa Halaby, the daughter of a wealthy Chrisoan Lebanese-American chairman of Pan Am. She convened, became Queen Noor, and was a visible and prominent "modern" Queen, with some of the glamour and flair for publicity that we associate with the late Princess of Wales. She. 100. bore him four children.

Latest wills

Frank Rogers, director of The Daily Telegraph, left estate ued at £1.335.707 net. Twe Hon Dinah Bridge. Of Lewes, East Sussex, left estate valued at £904,817 net. She left El,000 to Morpeth Society

Sir John Stephenson, Lord Justice of Appeal 1971-85, left estate valued at £642,824 net. The Hon Lady Lyell, of SI don SWI, left estate valued at Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £4,185,825 net. She left £1.000 to the Flam-

stead PCC. Noel Whitaker Harrison, of Alrewas, Burton on Trent. Staffordshire, left estate valued at £39,541,187 net. Myrtle Violet Willis, of Bullington, Sunton Scotney, Winchester, left estate valued at .664,417 net. She left £1,000 to the Winchester Hospital

Scanner Appeal. Christopher Paul Mansel Methuen-Campbell of Reynoldston, Gower, Swansea. left estate valued at £3,248,385

Mary Elizabeth Johnston, of Sway. Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,600,728 net. Elizabeth Nancy MacNab, of Rugby, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £2,489,568. Margaret Nicholson of Lon-

£2,288,107 net. Jakob Walter Robinson, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2,666,357 net. Air Marshal Sir John Baker-Carr, of Stockbridge, Hampshire, left estate valued at £286,792 net.

Marion Sybil Beatty, of Exmouth Devon, left estate valued at El,180,088 net. She left £1,000 each to Barnardo's, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Guide Dogs for the Blind. Distressed Gentlefolks' Aid, John A Thompson Memorial Trust, Fairlynch Museum and National Trust.

Lieutenant-Commander Mark Hamilton Freer Chaytor of Ashion, Sheffield, left estate valued at £1,536,251. Mildred Louise Duveen of London SW7, left estate valued at £1,638,105 net.

Robert Lush of London SWI. left estate valued at £1,225,174. Hector Donald Elston Macvitie. of Bath. Somerset, left estate valued at £1.595,846 net Mary Margerison of Lytham. Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,427,653 net. She left £1,000 to both the Priends of Lytham Hospital and St John's Church, East Beach. Lytham, and £500 to the Church of England.

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Green, Southampton, left es-

tate valued at £1,904,723 net. Iris Dorothea Rocksborough Smith, of Briantspuddle. Dorset, left estate valued at £1,423,308 net. She left £3,000 each to National Trust, British Red Cross Society and Dorset Hospice Charitable Trust. John Arthur Smith, of Disley. Stockport, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1.560.658 net. Peter William Oliver Ward of Handsworth Wood, Birming-

ham, left estate valued at £1.081.203 net. Bertha Elizabeth Watkin, of Oswestry, Shropshire, left estate valued at £1,204,508 net. Elspeth Whitmore, of Hartfield, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1.833.553 net.

dinorwic. Gwynedd, left estate valued at £1,151,393 net Doris Alice Wright. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, left estate valued at £2,305,834 net. Esra Sami Menashi Zilouf of London N20, left estate valued at £2,133,999 net.

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CABINET ESCAPES BOMB BLAST

BY STEWART TENDLER. CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND YARD was last night hunding a two-man terrorist team which bombed to Downing Street with mortars from a van as the war cabinet met yesterday morning. The anack was one of the most audacious ever carried out by the IRA.

One bomb exploded in the garden. breaking windows, discuping the meeting and throwing Whitehall into panic. Two other bombs landed without exploding behind the Foreign Office.

Four people, including two policemen, were slightly injured in the incident, which brought the IRA as close to the heart of British government as the Brighton bornh in 1984. In the aftermath of the blast, ministers began an urgent examination of security in Whitehall and Westminster.

In a statement from Dublin last night claiming responsibility for the attack, the IRA said: The operation had been planned over a number of months, its inception predates both John Major's coming to power and the beginning of British involvement in the Gulf War. Whether the Gulf War goes on for weeks

February 8, 1991

ON THIS DAY

The blast from this audacious raid by the IRA shook the windows of Buckingham Palace: a crater about four feet wide appeared in the garden of No 10.

or years, let the British Government understand that, while nationalist people in the six counties are forced to live under British rule. then the British cabinet will be forced to meet in bunkers."

Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, sent Mr Major a message expressing "shock and sympathy" at the outrage.

As a national police hunt began for the bombers, Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the Yard's anti-terrorist branch and the national co-ordinator of terrorist investigations, totd a conference in London that the attack had been daring and

well-planned. "It is an example of how good

and versatile this organisation is. The said, but added that the plan had been badly executed These monars are extremely dangerous and very inaccurate, it is a typical example of a cowardly attack which could have caused

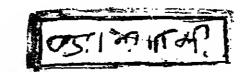
death or severe injury."

A white Ford Transit van, bought in south London six months ago, was driven up to the junction of Horse Guards Avenue and Whitehall close to the Ministry of Defence. The roof of the van had been removed and a platform had been built inside for a crude mortar unit using metal piping. The roof had been put back in place, secured with tape, and the mortars were covered with sheeting.

The van was abandoned at an angle. The driver locked it and is thought to have jumped onto the pillion seat of a waiting motorcycle. hich sped off lowards the Embankment. No parking is allowed in Whitehall and the three bombs were fired through the roof as a roliceman went towards the van.

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Security blitz for Hussein funeral

A massive security operation is being mounted in Jordan to protect Western leaders attending the state funeral for King Hussein from possible attacks by Iraqi agents in revenge for the recent bombing of Baghdad.

Western security experts fear that Tony Blair and US President Bill Clinton could be targets for hit squads formed from Iraqi

Lawrence suspects may face charges

■ Detectives have been ordered to find new charges against the five men suspected of the murder of Stephen Lawrence six years ago. Three of the five men were acquitted two years ago during a private prosecution for murder by the Lawrence family. The other two were never committed for trial after a magistrate ruled that there was insufficient evidence.......Pages 1, 3

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Campaigners called for the release of four chimpanzees still under the care of trainer Mary Chipperfield, who has been convicted

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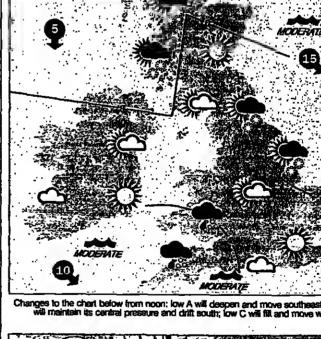


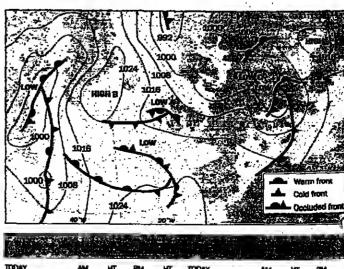
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INDIAN SPINNER MATCHES LAKER IN TAKING ALL TEN WIC



One out, all out: Kumble appeals successfully for the wicket of Wasim, caught at short leg to give the India leg spinner his tenth victim of the Pakistan innings in Delhi yesterday

came his way. Anil Kumble clasped his hands, beamed like the sun and looked to the sky. He uprooted a stump as a souvenir simply of victory against Pakistan. Then, as Sachin Tendulkar led a procession of colleagues moving to offer congratu-lations, it dawned that he had taken his place in history.

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If Kumble needed a rew seconds for the scale of his achievement to sink in after becoming the second man in 122 years of Test cricket to take all ten wickets in an innings, then he will not be allowed to forget it. The manner in which he was mobbed by autograph collectors and wellwishers as he left the Ferozeshah Kotla Stadiumprovided a taste of what is to His figures of ten for 74 from 26.3

overs eased India to success by 212 runs in the second Test to level what was already a compelling series, in which the sheer excitement of the cricket has transcended past bitter rivalry between the neighbouring countries. For his contribution to that alone, Kumble's performance must rank alongside that of Jim Laker. whose feat in taking ten Australia wickets for 53 at Old Trafford in 1956 is one of the best-known of all the game's records.

Before his death in 1986, Laker related how the capacity at Manchester must have been nearer to 100,000 than the official figure of around E 20,000 to accommodate all those who said that they witnessed his great day. Some 30,000 can honestly claim to have seen Kumble join the pantheon of spin bowlers.

With the eighth and ninth victims falling to the final balls of Kumble's 26th over, he was sent to field at third man while Javagal Srinath sent down six balls, any one of which — bad the seam bowler been so minded - would have ruined his chance of going through the scorecard. Unbeknown to Kumble, Mohammad

Richard Hobson in Delhi sees an unassuming bowler make an indelible mark in Test history

Azharuddin, the captain, had ordered Srinath to bowl wide to allow the leg spinner the chance of a tenth

By that stage, they were so far benind that we were going to wanted there are not many situations where a bowler has the chance to take all ten." Azharuddin said. Srinath, in fact, followed his instructions too well. The bowler, a paradigm of accuracy, suddenly delivered a brace of wides. Even more bizarre, the partisan crowd began to cheer every ball that Wasim Akram and Waqar

Youris blocked against Srinath instead of baying for victory. They wanted Kumble to finish the job that he had begun around two hours and

40 minutes earlier.
Although Wastin our Aved the hattrick ball, he edged the third via his pad to Laxman at short leg to herald a colourful display of flag-waving and delirious dancing in the stands.

"After I had taken the sixth wicket. I thought I might have a chance of all ten," Kumble said. "I was not particu-larly nervous because I knew it was a matter of destiny. If I was destined to

get ten wickers, then that is what would happen. My first reaction was how good to beat Pakistan. In that moment, I had forgotten it was my

tenth wicket.

I think a little supersition helped because, after lunch, when we needed to break the opening parmership. I gave my cap and sweater to Sachin to give to the umpire. Shahid Afridi got out in that over and whenever we lelt we really needed a wicket afterwards, I would let Sachin take my cap and sweater again. It always worked."

There is a humility about Kumble.



Uplifting: Srinath, left, and Prasad chair Kumble from the field after his record equalling performance

28, who hails from Bangalore. In descending order he dedicated his achievement to God, his family and his team-mates. He enjoyed success with Northamptonshire, when he took 105 wickets in the 1995 season, and in 51 Tests since his debut in 1992 he has taken 234 wickets, making him the fourth most successful India

bowler of all time. Although he does not spin his standard leg break as much as Share. Warne or Mushtaq Ahmed, among contemporaries, his height and high action make the top-spinner a deadly weapon. This helps to explain why, on a pitch that offered slow turn but variable bounce, he caused far more problems than Harbhajan Singh, the off spinner, who bowled in tandem for much of the innings.

Kumble suggested that the performance of young Sandagopan Ramesh in scoring 60 and 96 in difficult circumstances made him a more deserving recipient of the man-of-thematch award. To all else, including Cammie Smith, the adjudicator, Kumble had no rivals. The new star of India is among the guests at a re-ception hosted by the Home Minister in the capital torught and will try to remain unfazed by the potential rewards of success. Azharuddin, who knows him better than most, said: "He has tried so hard with his bowling that he deserves this. He has worked out his limitations and now just bowls to his strengths."

At a chaotic press conference, Kumble had to protect his head with his hands to push his way through a jostling crowd of admiring Indian journalists. He was asked whether the next ambition is to take 20 wickets in a match. "I know that expectations will be higher from now on," he said, "but I would rather take ten wickets and have to live with that pressure than not at all." Even Laker only managed 19.

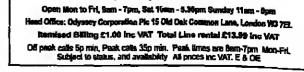
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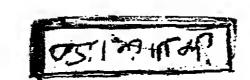
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Laker, the great off spinner, who routed Australia at Old Trafford

f he were still alive Jim Laker would, I am sure, be delighted that it is Anil Kumble who has become only the second man to take all ten wickets in an innings in a Test match. Although Laker turned the ball from the off, whereas Kum-bte's stock ball is the leg break, they both owe, or owed, their success to patience, expediency and know-how, and neither of them came into the world as one of nature's games players. Kumble, like Laker, is a big fellow, with a measured stride

rather than easy style.

Laker, of course, had taken nine wickets in Australia's first innings, as well as the ten he took in the second, in his great Test match at Old Trafford in 1956. In doing so, he made sure England won the Ashes for the third time in a row. Not entirely without justification, Australia thought they were being set up in England that year. I can see now the clouds of dust when the ground staff attended to the pitch even at lunchtime on the first day of the match, though it was, in fact, after it had rained on the fifth and last day that Laker ran through Australia's second innings.

The forward prop in its present heinous form, with the bat hidden behind the pad, had yet to be invented, and the incomparably cavalier Keith Miller was as defenceless John Woodcock recalls the day that

Jim Laker set a record that

stood for 43 years until yesterday

against Laker's sharply turning off breaks as the famously obdurate Ken Mackay. Fielding at short leg to Laker in that match must have been the experience of a lifetime. Those who had the joy and privilege of doing so were Tony Lock, who stood behind square, Alan Oakman, who held five catches, and the retired Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev the Lord Sheppard. The regulations are such today

that the days are gone when Australia, or anyone else for that matter, can be caught on a sticky dog.

Laker and Kumble took their chance when the chance was there. Having done so. Laker walked off the field, his sweater slung over his shoulder, showing far less emotion than an English off spinner does today when he gets a single Australian wicket, let alone 19 in a match. The A5 was the road back to London from Manchester in those days, and a pint and a quick bite at Weedon, unrecognised by most of the locals, was Jim's lot that night. But he had assumed a place in

cricket history unique until Kum-

ble's superlative feat in Delhi yesterday, it would be hard to imagine anything more perfect than that India and Pakistan should have shared their potentially fraught and unplayable two-match series in the way they did - after some wonderfully exciting and fluctuating cricket. As one who does not entirely subscribe to the theory that if the Russians and the Germans had played cricket it would have changed the course of history, I like

indeed, have done good. The bowlers who win the modern Test matches that matter most - and to a great part of the world's population this one in Delhi, between Hindu and Muslim, must have seemed to matter an awful lot - are the very best leg spinners and the very best fast bowlers. That is bad news for England, who have never had a great Test-winning leg spinner and in the English climate are never likely to. For India, they constitute a lifeline. Kumble may not be quite as subtle and alluring an exponent of the leg-spinning art

as S. P. Gupte was, oor perhaps, as widely devastating at Bhagwat Chandrasekhar; but he has become

chandrasekhar; but he has become a legend overnight, and that can only be for the good of the game. For having been so obsessed with speed and bouncers under Clive Lloyd and Vivian Richards, West Indies are paying the price now that they can find no one to replace Roberts Holding, Marchell and the erts, Holding, Marshall and the rest of them: besides which, batsmen are not as intimidated in the way that they were by "pace like fire". Except, perhaps, in South Africa, this has been the winter of the spinner — of MacGill and Saglain and Warne and now of Kumble.

Tall and with tong arms, Kumble makes up for not being a great spinner of the ball by making his top to think that this short series may, spinners and googlies bounce, and in Delhi he would have benefited, I would expect, from the odd ball keeping low. I once wrote about England winning a Test match on a Christmas Day in Delhi. The boot was on the other foot, but that, too, was an occasion for rejoicing in every way. It is better that a spinner should have a golden day than a thousand bludgeoning "quicks". When Laker became sanctified he was 34, and was to play only a few more times for England. At 28, Kumble should still have half a career ahead of him.

Australia certain to go for Waugh

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SYDNEY

AS ENGLAND and Australia prepare to lock horns in the best-of-three final of the trian-gular tournament, Australia must address a serious matter. They have a captain to find, to succeed Mark Taylor, who handed in his badge last week, and his identity will be clear

by the end of the week. They don't have to look far to find suitable men. Steve Waugh is the starred candidate, on grounds of experience and proven ability. Shane Warne is his rival, and Steve's twin, Mark, was picked out by Taylor in his resignation address as somebody who could do the job, if required.

It would be a major surprise if his brother did not get the nod. Waugh, 33, is the senior member of the side, having been introduced to Test cricket 13 years ago when Australia were not the force they are now. Alone among the current side he knows what it is like to lose to England.

The Australian Cricket Board is meeting on Friday. though it may armounce its decision before then. Waugh is thought to have ten of the 14

votes.
England will be without Mark Alleyne for the three-match final after the death of his father, Euclid, in a car accident in Barbados. Alleyne, who learnt the news in a telephone call from his brother, will arrive at Heathrow tomorrow and leave for Barbados

the day after.

David Graveney, the England manager, said: "It is tragic for Mark and his family; cricket is a minor event com-pared to this, but it will act as an inspiration to the players to

do well for him."

Adam Gilchrist, the opening batsman, made the highest score by an Australian in a one-day international in the final group match of the tournament yesterday. Gilchrist made 154 off 129 balls at Melbourne as Australia amassed 310 for eight from their 50 overs and then bowled out Sri

Lanka for 267. AUSTRALIA b Samarawae O R Menyn c Kaluwiths b Wickremasi

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Ten out of ten for Kumble the destroyer

FROM RICHARD HOBSON IN DELHI

DELHI (fourth day of five): India beat Pakistan by 212 runs

IN THE manic excitement of Anil Kumble joining Jim Laker in history the sheer importance of victory for India here yesterday became too easy to overlook. By securing the win that eluded them dramatically in Madras seven days earlier, they not only levelled an absorbing series 1-1, and preserved an unheaten home run stretching t2 years, but spared themselves from a level of criticism unimaginable in any other Test-playing nation.

The sense of joy and triumph pervading from all quarters of the Ferozeshan Kotla Stadium, except the Pakistan dressing-room. reflected the delight of a first victory in a Test against their fiercest rivals since January 1980, 23 matches ago. While most of the encounters in the intervening period were tepid, turgid draws, the conclusion to this encounter represented a fine, fitting end to a remarka-

ble formight The hard work for India had been done by the batsmen on Saturday, by Ramesh, Ganguly and Srinath, in particular, to establish a lead beyond 400. Only twice before has a side passed such a total to win, and the conditions in Delhi gave too much assistance to the slow bowlers for Pakistan to stand any realistic chance. Even when Shahid

Afridi and Saeed Anwar were

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adding 101 for the first wicket in such attractive, carefree fashion, the sheer magnitude of a target of 420 seemed

beyond them. inevitably, now, the first game of the Asian Test Championship, a triangular competi-tion which also involves Sri Lanka, will be seen as the decider to this series. India and Pakistan meet in Calcutta on Feburary 16, where crowds of around 70,000 daily will expect a repeat of the recent stimulating encounters. Nothing, surely, will match the achievement of Kumble in becoming the second man in Test cricket to take ten wickets in an innings, but with Wasim Akram and Mohammad Azharuddin continuing to pledge themselves to attack. then entertainment of some

sort can be guaranteed. The spin of Kumble and Saqlain Mushtaq, who took 2! and 20 wickets respectively in the series, will continue to be crucial. Saglain returned his

BNDIA: First Innings 252 (M Azharuddin 6 5 Ramiesh 60, Saqtan Mushtaq 5 lor 94)

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AER % Gross %



Salim, the seventh of Kumble's victims, is bowled after playing across the line during his team's crushing defeat in Delhi yesterday

fourth successive haul of five wickers yesterday with his unique variation of off spin. For his consistency, he was named man of the series ahead of the leg spinner.

SCOREBOARD FROM DELHI

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-100, 3-168 4-183 5-199, 6-199, 7-231, 8-331, 9-339

BOWLING. Wasm Akram 21-3-43-3. Wagar Younis 12-2-42-0 Saglan Mushtag 46-4-13-122-5 Mushtag Ahmed 26-4-86-2.

PARISTAN: First Innings 172 (A Yumble 4 for 75).

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Shahid Altida 8-1-24-0

synonymous with the return to Test rivalry of these countries. after ten years when terrorist activity and Government intransigence decreed little future for lengthy tours embracing five-day games.

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-101, 2-101, 3-115, 4-115, 5-127, 6-128, 7-186, 6-198

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18-5-S1-0

His figures of 26.3-9-74-10 will be etched into the memory of Indian children, just as English boys, at least of previous generations. have been able to recite Laker's return of ten for 53, 19 for 90 overall, at Old Trafford in

Kumble on 41.

How different it might have been had Azharuddin not suggested that Kumble change ends after a first, inauspicious spelt of five overs that cost 25 runs. Saced was playing fluently and Afridi remained true to his instinct to hit hard and often. Once restricted, however. Afridi is prone to lose panence, as demonstrated by an unnecessary nudge outside off stump to a wide ball by

The dominoes tumbled, liaz was a clear leg-before victim to the next ball and, four overs later, the leaden-footed Inzamam and nervous Youhana fell within the space of three balls. From 101 for nought, Pakistan had collapsed to 115 for four and the resolve that saw them overturn a position of apparently inevitable defeat in Madras now deserted them with the clatter of wickets.

A low catch by Ganguly at slip accounted for Moin before the departure of Saeed to an ineffectuat lunge that found the hands of Laxman at short leg. Kumble's figures at tea were six for 58 from 21 overs; meanwhile, Harbhajan Singh and Javagal Srinath had suffered as edges either fell short of

fielders or balls narrowly failed to take the edge. When play resumed after tea Kum-ble's figures moved from being match-winning, to very good, to outstanding, to momentous in the space of 33 balls. Immune from nerves, he picked off the last four batsmen for 16 more runs, his impending place in the record books rousing the crowd to

new, boisterous heights. Salim Malik, batting with a runner because of a groin injury, misjudged a top-spinner. Then, to successive balls, Mushtaq Ahmed offered a simple catch to Dravid and Saglain was leg-before. When Wasim played Kumble to Laxman via bat and pad the celebrations could begin.

HOCKEY

Robinson inspires Jackman reclaims Reading revenge

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN AND CATHY HARRIS

A HAT-TRICK by Ken Robinson, the New Zealander, helped Reading to a 5-2 victory over Southgate in the National League premier division match at Trent Park vesterday. Io their previous meeting on October 4, when Reading were the hosts,

Southgate won 4-2. Southgate's task might have seemed less forbidding if Rott, their centre forward, had converted a penalty stroke when the score was 3-0.

They will have consoled themselves, however, with victory in the men's indoor club championship at Crystal Palace on Friday, where they beat Old Loughtonians 3-2 00 penalty strokes after the fulltime score had been 5-5.

A goal by Evennett from a short corner in the 44th minute gave Canterbury a 4-3 away win over East Grin-stead, for whom Collins scored twice from short corners with Cleife adding to the score. Wicken scored two of the Canterbury goals. Nick

Thompson's two goals from short corners were not enough for Old Loughtonians, who lost 6-2 away to Cannock. Kalbir Takher scoring twice. Further goals were added by Sharpe, Mayer, Crutchley and Paul Edwards.

Tina Cullen, the England and Great Britain forward, inspired Hightown to a crushing 7-0 win over Sherwood in a fourth-round EHA Cup-tie with a hat-trick, giving the Merseysiders a weekend double after the 2-1 victory over Slough, the premier division champions, on Saturday.

learn that Kerry Moore, their

England midfield player,

suffered nothing worse than a

neck spasm after being stretch-

ered off at Leicester.

Ipswich seized their chance to move six points clear of Slough at the top of the table when they cruised to a 4-1 win against Sutton Coldfield. As this championship. the teams compete for the four play-off places. Hightown held on to fourth spot ahead of Olton, who were relieved to

national title

BY COUN MCQUILLAN

CASSANDRA JACKMAN, the England No I. who had been out of the game recover-ing from ankle injuries for the past three months, yesterday reclaimed the Business Pages National Squash Championship at the Manchester Velodrome with a 9-5, 3-9, 6-9, 9-0, 9-6 win over Sue Wright, the defending champion, in 75 minutes.

"I cannot think of a time in my life when I wanted to play a tournament more," Jackman said. She withdrew from the first round of the Philadelphia Open early in October, when she went over on her left ankle, and played only a small tournament in Chicago late last month in preparation for

A former world junior champion, Jackman has been unaole to break the Australian domination of the women's international game over the past six years, but has vied with Wright for top domestic

billing and the third and

Yesterday, coached by David Campion, her fiance, she began with some authority, tak-ing the 20-minute opening game with some confident volleying in the front court. "I lost my way a bit in the second and third games, but David sent me back for the fourth to concentrate on playing my own game," Jackman said.

She won the fourth game in just six minutes and three hands, and was 6-1 up in the fifth before a series of harsh penalty calls against her from the referee brought Wright back into the match at 6-6. Jackman's return to calm rallying brought two unforced tinned errors and a clumsy penalty infringement from Wright in the closing rallies of

the match. Later last 'night. Simon Parke the defending men's champion from Yorkshire, A was due to meet Paul Johnson. of Kent, the England No I, in the men's final.

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Howard Wilkinson, pictured at Nottingham Forest's game against Manchester United at the City Ground on Saturday, accepts another goodwill message from a supporter

oward Wilkinson began the task of sweeping away the legacy of stagnation, suspicion and cynicism bequeathed by Glenn Hoddle to his players last night when he gathered the England squad together at their Berkshire hotel to tell them to forget about the past and concentrate on the task of facing France, the world champions, at Wembley on Wednesday night

day night.

The players, who arrived at Burnham Beeches at 5pm. were chosen by Hoddle, the last act of the discredited coach, but Wilkinson, a care-taker manager, relished his first chance to make his own mark when he held a squad meeting an hour later and encouraged the players to talk about any grievances or misgivings that they may have been harhouring.

been harbouring.

Under Hoddle, many of the players had felt unable to express their feelings openly, especially after the publication of his World Cup diary with its wholesale betrayal of confidences, and the most recent team gatherings under his guidance had been characterised by an awkward silence. Last night, though, the mood at the meeting was relaxed.

As Wilkinson — who many now expect to be in charge not

Wilkinson takes pride in first day at office

just for the game against France but also for the European championship qualifying ties against Poland, next month, as well as Sweden and Bulgaria at the beginning of June — prepared for his first day in charge of training today, he attempted to change

"I had a team meeting with the players at the hotel," Wilkinson, 55, said, "and I told them the most important thing for England and them is that the game against France is an effective preparation for the Poland game.

"I felt proud to be standing there among such a gifted collection of players. It is difficult when you see them either from the dugout or pass them in the corridor."

Wilkinson did have to contend with one of the problems that dogged Hoddle throughout his 2½ years in the job—a lengthy injury list. Paul Merson did not join up with the Oliver Holt, football correspondent, finds England's caretaker relishing the challenge of facing France

ful for that."

lem and has been replaced by Jason Wilcox, the Blackburn Rovers midfield player, who also has a heel injury. Neither Gareth Southgate, Gary Neville, Sol Campbell,

squad because of a back prob-

Neither Gareth Southgate, Gary Neville, Sol Campbell, Dion Dublin, Graeme Le Saux nor Darren Anderton are expected to train this morning at Bisham Abbey and there is already talk of a defensive crisis.

"What a welcome to international football." Wilkinson said. "I will be thinking long and hard over the difficult decisions I am going to have to make over the next 24 hours. It is an injury situation that England have faced before.

land have faced before.

"Apart from one player,
Campbell, who is bedridden,

everyone has turned up and no manager has asked me to leave anyone out. I am grate-

still, there was a feeling of relief among many of the players arriving at the team hotel last night that they could at last put the complicated, divisive and increasingly bizarre reign of Hoddle behind them. Influential groups of players within the squad had been alienated by the former England coach, but they are all keen to make the most of their chance for a fresh start.

Above all, there is a new mood of openness, the beginnings of an attempt to break down the hostility that has existed for much of Hoddle's tenure between the press and the players and management. As part of this openness, players will now be allowed to talk to the media on the day before an international, something

Earlier in the day, Wilkinson had ensured there would be at least one aspect of continuity remaining from Hoddle's troubled reign when it was confirmed that Alan Shearer would retain the captain's armband. Most observers had assumed that Tony Adams would regain the captaincy but Wilkinson, quite rightly, has decided to keep faith with the Newcastle United centre forward.

If Wilkinson's future was more secure, if he knew that he was to be in charge until the summer or beyond, then perhaps it would have made sense for him to go with his own man. But, especially if his tenure is short-lived, if he really is to be just a caretaker, there seems little point in upsetting Shearer needlessly. "There has to be a willingness to take responsibility by the captain," Wilkinson said. "He needs to put the team before himself, to recognise the big picture. A complete captain does all of that, doesn't shirk, doesn't hide, shares the load and sacrifices himself for the team. Players who have those assets are very hard to find."

Gradually, and largely

Gradually, and largely because possession is still nine tenths of any law, Wilkinson seems to be emerging as the favourite to succeed Hoddle on a permanent basis. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, joined Kevin Keegan, Arsene Wenger and Bryan Robson yesterday on the list of those who appear to have ruled themselves out of the running and Terry Venables, who is interested, said that he had had no contact from the Football Association. "It's FA business," Venables

said. "If you're asking me if they have been in touch, I have to say no. This time, it seems the shutters have gone up. Howard is an FA employee, so they obviously like him and will want him to be successful. It seems reasonable for them to want him to stay in control."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Hall survives fright to win place in final

BADMINITON: Darren Hall moved closer to increasing his titles to a record ten by surviving an unexpected battle with Richard Dolling, who was unseeded, before reaching the final of the Liverpool Victoria English National championships in Haywards Heath yesterday. Hall, seeded No I, won 15-11, 9-15, 15-10, but there were worrying moments, especially when he was 9-10 down in the final game and it seemed the 33-year old champion might not go through (Richard Eaton writes).

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The win earned Hall his thirteenth appearance in the final and a repeat of his match against Colin Haughton last year. Haughton secured his place in the final with a 15-17, 15-5, 15-5 win over Peter Knowles. Knowles had been hoping to regain the title in his first tournament after his two-month suspension for disciplinary offences at the Dutch Open. Haughton served a shorter suspension for his part in the same incident.

Air crash mars race

SAILING: The start of jeg three of the Around Alone Race from Auckland to Punte del Este was marred by the death of two spectators whose light aircraft plunged into the sea close to Brad van Liew, the Class 2 United States skipper. in Balance Bar, five hours into the race (Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent, writes). The Il skippers still in the race were beating down the Colville Channel when race headquarters was notified that an aircraft had crashed close to Van Liew, himself an experienced pilot. He immediately sailed to the point of impact, but found no trace of survivors. It is believed that the aircraft had been circling the fleet and been spotted by a number of skippers, including Giovanni Soldini, in the Open 60, FILA.

Hingis returns to No 1

■ TENNIS: Martina Hingis will go back to the top of the women's world rankings today after following up her Australian Open victory by beating Amanda Coetzer to win the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo. Hingis ensured her return to the No I postdon when she overcame Jana Novotna in the semi-final, easing 4-0 ahead in the first set at a cost of only four points. Coetzer managed to break back in the fifth and pushed to 2-4, but that was the extent of her resistance. Hingis stormed 5-0 ahead in the second set before calmly serving out for the match against a struggling Coetzer.

Jackson left furious

■ ATHLETICS: Colin Jackson criticised organisers after coming close to losing his 60 metres hurdles world indoor record in the Sparkassen Cup in Stuttgart yesterday because of the lack of electric false-starting equipment. Falk Balzer made the most blatant of false starts before running a German record of 7.34sec — the second-fastest time in history after Jackson's 7.30sec in 1994. "I expected to hear the recall gun, but it never came." Jackson said. "I was robbed. After my heat, I honestly believed I could have got close to my world record."

Ovett strides to victory

■ BOWLS: Office Overt, nephew of Steve, the former Olympic runner, was first past the post in the Manchester Unity All-England Under-25 championship at Nottingham. Ovett, who plays for the Brighton-based Preston club, reached the final with wins over Craig Cooper, Chris Young and Mike Bowley. In the final, he was on course for a comfortable win when he led Glenn Allen, from Isis, 16-8, but Allen squared the match at 16-16 before Ovett won with two singles and a treble.

Spacey sparks Arsenal

FOOTBALL: Arsenal, the holders, advanced to the sixth round of the women's AXA FA Cup after defeating Everton 1-0 at Boreham Wood yesterday. Marieanne Spacey scored the winning goal in the 75th minute. Croydon, the winners in 1996 and runners-up last year, were indebted to Carly Hunt, who scored a fine winning goal in the 85th minute against Millwall Lionesses, her former club.

London win at Wycliffe

M ROWING: London University won all three open classes at the Wycliffe Head on the Gloucester Sharpness Canal on Saturday, and Shrewsbury School took the lion's share of the junior divisions. Oxford University's lightweight women were impressive women's eight winners and Wycliffe's top boys' and girls' quads both won their divisions.

BASKETBALL

Finch fury as Sharks bite back

By Nicholas Harling

THE hard-earned victory that took Sheffield Sharks back to the top of the Budweiser League yesterday did little to placate Chris Finch, their coach, who still came off court at the Sheffield Arena raging at Roger Harrison and Mac Callender, the officials, after the Sharks had overcome Leicester Riders 80-71.

Surprisingly, it was not so much the technical offence that he incurred in the first half that concerned Finch, but a late, academic call when the result was secure. Harrison, who took the brunt of Finch's fury, had earlier penalised him for swearing, apparently because it was in front of the table officials. "Why that should be an issue, I don't bknow," Finch said.

The four subsequent free throws from Jaron Boone, another from Eric Moore and a Garnet Gayle three-pointer enabled the Riders to complete an 18-3 burst that shook abruptly the Sharks out of their complacency. Histally of 28 points enabled the Sharks to go in level at 43-43 at half-

mark Hawley then scored five swift points before a trio of three-pointers. from Ian McKinney, and one apiece from Michael Payne and the excellent Todd Cauthorn formed the bulk of Sheffield's

decisive 19-5 rally.

Watched by Finch, Manchester Giants had kept the title issue alive by defeating the Leopards 80-78 the previous exemple.

SNOOKER

In-form Williams begins title defence in fine style

MARK WILLIAMS has amassed £148,000 in prize-money during the past three months and won consecutive world-ranking tournaments, the Irish Open and Welsh Open. The confidence fostered by such a sequence of success shone through at the Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

yesterday.
Williams expended a minimum of nervous energy in beating Nigel Bond 6-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson & Hedges Masters and it was difficult to imagine a more impressive start to the defence of his title.

After winning a scrappy opening frame, Williams compiled breaks of 123, 61 and 67 to lead 3-0. The Welshman subsequently added a low-scoring fifth frame before potting blue and pink in the sixth to complete the rout.

"I know that this run is

By PHIL YATES

going to come to an end sometime, but I'm just determined to enjoy myself while it lasts," Williams, now unbeaten in 16 successive matches, said. Stephen Lee, the Grand



Prix champion, and Alan McManus, winner of the Masters in 1994, meet this morning for the right to provide the next opposition for Williams, who edged Stephen Hendry

the final last year.

James Waltana continued to heal psychological wounds inflicted at the Asian Games in December by performing fluently in his 6-2 victory over David Gray, a Wembley debutant, in the first round.

10-9 on a respotted black in

Wattana reached the nadir of his career so far when he lost to Chan Kwok-ming, of Hong Kong, in the first round of the Games in his native Bangkok, when he was expected to win a gold medal for

"After that, I wanted to take a year off, maybe two, but I knew it was impossible," Wattana said. "This game is my life and my living."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes run Rams ragged

Widnes Vikings30 Dewsbury Rams12

BY PETER WILSON

DEWSBURY RAMS, the 4-l second favourites for the first Ford Northern Premiership title, were left to wonder whether the bookmakers had done their homework after this defeat by an enthusiastic Widnes Vikings outlit.

Solid defence restricted a disappointing Dewsbury attack and excellent handling by Fabien Devecchi, Widnes's French international half back, and Paul Mansson, his partner, caused havoc.

Widnes, with experienced newcomers looked a far more ambitious side than the one who struggled a year ago. Much of the damage was done during an impressive first half, when they established an

18-2 lead. The first try came from Lokeni Savelio, the second-row forward, after a pass from the impressive Mansson before the same player put in Devecchi. Further tries from James Briers and Mansson completed the scoring for Widnes, with Dewsbury replying through Alex Godfrey and Billy Kershaw.

SCORERS: Widnes: Tries: Savelo, Devedchi, Bren, Marsson, Godin: Saisbury (7). Devisitary: Tries: Godiney, Kerchan. Godin: Eason (2)

ICE HOCKEY

Storm rise again to the top

By a Correspondent

MANCHESTER storm turned the Sekonda Super-league title race back in their favour with a hard-fought 3-1 win over Cardiff, who had taken over at the top just 24 hours previously.

Storm regained their place

at the top with third-period goals by Jeff Jablonski, his second of the night, and Stefan Ketola, to end the Devils' eight-game winning streak.

Storm took an eighth-minute lead through Jablonski, but the Cardiff pressure told when Merv Priest equalised. It was anybody's game until Jablonski struck after 46 minutes and when Cardiff

withdrew Herlofsky to throw

on an extra attacker, Ketola

broke away to score.

The Devils had displaced Storm as leaders for the first time since October 31 when they beat Newcastle Riverkings 4-3 in overtime while Storm, playing their fourth away game on the run, slumped to their third defeat in that testing series.

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Ketola's sixth-minute powerplay goal gave them an advantage that they did not lose until
Paxton Schulte equalised 31
minutes later. They then went
34 behind to goals by Greg
Burke and Mikhail Nemirovsky and although Blair
Scott replied from another
power play. Colin Ward's shot
into an empty net settled the

outcome.

Nottingham Panthers kept their remote title hopes alive with a 3-0 win over Sheffield

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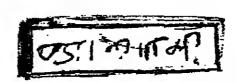


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FA Carling Premiership: Injury-weakened pacesetters struck down by altitude sickness

Anderton shows off his new self-belief

GLENN HODDLE'S halo may have slipped but the influence of Eileen Drewery, his faith healer, remains. Supporters of Tottenham Hotspur should not scoff — her hands perhaps hold the key to the continuing good health of Darren Anderton, the England and Spurs midfield player.

Anderion frequently visits Drewery and will not be deterred, despite the adverse publicity that she has received in the past week. The player formerly known as "Sicknote" has played in 28 of Tottenham's 33 fixtures this season. compared with 39 in the previous three league campaigns. Proof of Drewery's powers



by Russell Kempson or mere coincidence? George Graham, the Tonenham manager, is not sure, "I don't know who should take the credit, her

Anderton led a rousing display, pouring scorn on those who still point to his fragility with a vigorous contribution against a Coventry City side bristling with commitment.

or me?" he said, tongue firmly

His skidding 25-yard shot shaved a post in the thirteenth minute and set a metronomic and almost monotonous flow that persisted throughout. Totlenham attacked, missed chances and then regrouped; Coventry defended, slung the ball forward for Huckerby to chase and then retreated.

Ferdinand headed wide. Nielsen misjudged Anderton's cross. Freund drove over the crossbar, Ferdinand erred again and Sinton struck the bar. All in the first haif. In the second, Ferdinand shot wide. iversen scooped over from four yards and Nielsen miscued Anderton's cross. Soll, they extended their unbeaten run to ten matches and Graham was reasonably satisfied. "It's" coming together nice and

slowly," he said. Coventry could take only crumbs of comfort but will be happy with the belated introduction of Mohammed Konjic, the Bosnia defender, who signed from AS Monaco for £2 million. "He's a big lad and not bad, either." Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager. said. "I wouldn't like to clean out his cage."

TOTTENHAM HÖTSPUR (4-4-2) I Walver — S Carr, L Young S Campbell, M Tancoo Isub T Sherwood Börmin — D Anderton A Nielsen, S Freund A Shirlon — S Fernan I sub C Amstrong, 70) L Ferdimend COVENTRY CITY (44-5) M Hodman — R Hisson R Shaw, P Williams (sub M Kome, 52), G Breen (sub J Acco, 90) — P Taller, McAllister T E Solvent (sub P Clement, 70), S Froggath — D Hudkerby, N Whelan

Villa unable to run on empty



IN THE street outside Villa Park, a man was trying to sell a derelict VW Beetle with its headlamps ripped out. "It's a great engine," said the Brummie Arthur Daley. "all she needs is a bit of renovation." Inside the stadium, the cost of renovation was plain to see. Blackburn Rovers, having

spent EI5 million in two months to rise off the bottom where they never should have been, convincingly beat Aston Villa, who failed to lure Juninho from Atlètico Madrid for £12 million and £50,000 a week. And for want of such a creator, Villa's challenge for the championship is running out of engine power

John Gregory, Villa's genuine young manager, allowed himself to say: "I'm a bit envi-ous of Brian Kidd, who can go out and buy four players on the belt. He has the benefactor, but I'm not complaining. It comes down to how good a manager you are."

A manager is no better than his resources and Villa, deeply wounded by the stressed ego of Stan Collymore, had to field Dion Dublin, Steve Watson and Gareth Southgate with palpably painful real injuries and rely on apprentices on the bench. The effort of leading the FA Carling Premiership has clearly sapped the 17-yearold Gareth Barry and run Lee Hendrie into the ground.

Yet Villa Park, the foundation stone of league football, still throbs with potential power. The crowd on Saturday contained men who have supported the claret and blues for three score years and ten. and included five-month-old Robert Lally, whose greatgreat grandfather. Harry Cooch, once played and coached the Villa. The club



Oakes, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, cuts a dejected figure as Ward, with arm upraised, celebrates his successful strike. Photograph: David Jones

that you choose is a club for life, a faith that may be lost on the moguls now tearing at the fabric of the higher echelons of

the game.
Villa are finding the championship cannot be won by Englishmen alone, nor is it likely with a chairman who is such a modest millionaire. Doug Ellis, modest? Of course not, but his millions are, by comparison to those of Jack Walker, at Blackburn, never mind the resources that drive Man-chester United and Arsenal or sustain the astonishing wagesgamble at Chelsea.

Villa have had to run too hard to make the pace at the top, and are paying for it. It is cruel indeed when your skip-per, after an immaculate halfhour of commanding the side

from the back, scores an own goal. Southgate, who has virtually surrendered his England place to push his injured hip for Villa, went for an innocuous cross from David Dunn and headed the ball in a gentle, almost mocking arc, over Michael Oakes, his stranded goalkeeper. It was the first own goal of his career.

Someone else who ought to figure for England, Chris Sut-ton, then harassed Villa into certain defeat. Back after injurv and suspension, he was masterful in holding the ball, turning the defence, in heading and running power. He wrestled possession away from Riccardo Scimeca and with careful aim, presented Ashley Ward with the second Rovers' goal. When Scimeca

was bearen again, outpaced and outfoxed by the tricky Matt Jansen, the move led to a third goal, volleyed in by Dunn. All three strikes were laced with Villa error. At the other end, Filan was

Jewell's shining lights... Results and tables.....

at full stretch to deny Joachim. Dublin and Alan Thompson, a substitute, though Joachim eventually scored a splendid consolation goal and Grayson missed from six yards, but this was evidence more of Villa's stout heart than any championship pretension.

Blackburn are too good to be where they are, and Kidd's

start in management suggests a very appreciable talent for will claim casualties - atthe job. He will go to the board this week determined to prevent Tim Flowers, his England goalkeeper, being grant ed a transfer, because Kidd has the money, the backing and the good sense to know

two good goalkeepers.
"I'm building long term," he said, "and for that you need competition for all places." That, of course, costs, Now that Villa's impetus

that he needs to hold onto his

has stalled, the blame is being heaped on Ellis, whose caution is deemed to be holding back Gregory's need for recuits. But should the chairman risk bankrupting Villa and make no mistake, the rising transfer fees and wages

tempting to win a championship that will, in any case, be Manchester United's, Arsenal's or Chelsea's? This time, Deadly Doug

may be right to restrain his young manager. And who knows, Stanley may give a hand. "Collymore? Please, don't ask me to waste my time talking about somebody who isn't here," Gregory said. "Ask him . . . if you can find him." The car without headlamps,

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-3-1-2): J Filan — J McNeer, O Peacock, M Britomes, C Davidson — O Durn, W McKinlay, J Wilcox — U Jansen (sub. O Duff, 81) — C Sution,

a fine volley from Stamp from

an acute angle - Houllier

in the 64th minute, Houllier

kept his nerve. So many man-

When Matteo was sent off

again won on points.

Burton points Derby in right direction



By Kevin McCarra

IF reputations are hard to win, they can be even more difficult to retain. Derby County, sixth in the table, remain aspirants towards a Uefa Cup place, but it took Deon Burton's second goal, in the 85th minute, to win a game in which they had been behind. If Jim Smith's side are establishing themselves, Everton are becoming stuck and, fourth from bot-tom, face months of relegation

The difference between the clubs was not apparent for much of the match, although Derby were persistent after the interval. The mysteries of fate were encapsulated in the he was on loan to Barnsley, who, not entirely jocularly, were said to be eager to buy him after his first appearance and just as keen to return him after the next.

But with three goals in the

past three fixtures that he has started, there has been a quicksilver change in the previously inconsistent Jamaican.

That knack for transformation eludes Everton. The only alterations took place against their wishes, when David Unsworth had to be replaced because of a calf strain and reorganisation diminished their resilience in defence.

Until then, Everton were prospering. Their reputation penalty-box harmlessness is left behind when they leave. Goodison. In the 37th minute, Olivier Dacourt found Francis, Jeffers, the teenager who was making his first full appearance for the club. The young forward then placed it unintentionally into the path of Nick Barmby, who finished with a smart shot.

Given their rigour in defence and speed on the break, it seemed that Walter of Smith's side might flourish Derby, then, were too elaborate and only in the secondhalf did they harass the visitors. After 51 minutes, Francesco Baiano released Paulo Wanchope and, when he crossed Richard Dunne was lying on the ground, having lost his balance when Burton brushed. against him. The Jamaican's lided an awkward, bouncing ball into the net.

"Burton is having a taste of



Middlesbrough seek early-season sparkle



Liverpool's third goal

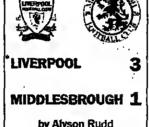
PERHAPS it is time to jog the memory. Middlesbrough enioved a spirited start to the season. They could win at Old Trafford and feel unlucky not to take all three points from Highbury. But right now. there is an aura of the underdog - almost of the willing victim - about them.

This was apparent in how the team played and how their manager spoke. Middlesbrough plodded through this match in the style of an elderly librarian, who once dreamed of being an actor and used to attend premieres sporting a purple velvet bowtie, but who now smiles ruefully as he stamps another book. Bryan Robson approached

the game in faralistic fashion. having identified, the day before, the FA Carling Premiership match against Everton on Wednesday as the one in which Middlesbrough must start winning again. Hopes of victory were not

dashed because, it seems there were none present in the first place. Instead. Robson said he was pleased with the performance, that he was not as disappointed as he had been after Middlesbrough's two previous defeats. Gerard Houllier, like Rob-

son, has been linked with the job of England manager. Neither are interested, but if they had been up for an interview on Saturday, Houllier would



by Alyson Rudd

have been offered the post. For if attitude wins games, only one team were in it Liverpool were sluggish at times and no one will be rushing to buy the video of this

match, but they possessed

knowledge that they would. All three of the home side's goals came in the first half. First, Redknapp's corner

was headed down by lnce, somewhat clumsily, but Fowler reacted swiftly with an overhead kick that Owen pounced on. Redknapp set up the second, too, weaving his way to the edge of the area before releasing Bjornebye, whose cross was met by Heggem, prancing like a lamb, for a superb volley.

McManaman. Owen and ince combined neatly for the third. Ince finishing with as much craft as Owen would have displayed.

Although Liverpool conced-

agers overreact to a red card. They quickly make reckless

substitutions, but Houllier simply allowed those players used to Middlesbrough's pedestrian ways to adapt, rather than introduce uncertainty. et (DBH INTRODUCE UNICETALISIY.
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— C Cooper. S Vickers, G Paffister — G
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Gascogne, A Townsend (sub n Maddison, 72). O Gordon — B Deame. U Beck.

Carbone rises above the rest

DANNY WILSON was not going to talk about Paolo Di Canio. "I am not going to talk about Paolo Di Canio," he said. The words Paolo. Di and Canio were banned, not to be mentioned. That subject was closed, shut, finished, finito. No amount of wheedling was going to get him to drop his

guard. You could hardly blame him. The Sheffield Wednesday manager must be sick to death of talking about the eccentric Italian, the referee-pushing. emotionally tortured striker. who has dominated the season so far at Hillsborough, even though he last played for the dub in September.

Di Canio this, Di Canio that. Paolo is in Rome, Paolo is coming back, no he isn't, yes he is, no, yes, maybe. He is joining West Ham United, he is going, going, gone. Thank heavens for that, the season



starts here. So one and all chaned aimlessly for a few minutes, then there was one last ever so sweei: "Can we say that, since a certain person has left it has helped his former striking partner to find his best form?

by Peter Robinson

Wilson jumped in with both feet. "If anybody has benefited from the whole scenario, it is Benito Carbone," he said. "He has been magnificent, he is

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happy and he is addressing the other side of his game. working hard when he has not got the bail." When Di Canio was at the

club. is was easy to imagine the two Italians sitting in a corner of the dressing-room. gabbling away in their native tongue. Now, with Di Canio gone. Carbone appears to have taken stock of where he is. Suddenly, he is loving life in south Yorkshire, a new four-year contract is on the

table and he will sign it. This win was convincing. but if Carbone earned most of the plaudits, he was simply the icing on the cake. Des Walker was masterful at the back. Wim Jonk dominated the midfield and Petter Rudi had fun on the left wing. Leicester seemed almost dis-

interested. After Hinchcliffe

denied lizer on the goal line.

they had barely a shot worth

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the name. Wednesday had to wait until the start of the second half to take the lead, Jonk heading in from close range after a mistake by Keller. He was involved in the second goal, too, starting a move inside the Wednesday half and, as Alexandersson crossed, selling a sweet dummy that gave Carbone the chance to drive in from the edge of the

It was a goal fit to win any game. Wilson said, and he was right. Whether the seamwork that went into it would have been present if a certain person was still as the club was a moot point.

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Solano takes opportunity to rattle O'Leary's babies

DAVID O'LEARY eails them "my babies", which, on a line through George Graham, gives Howard Wilkinson a group of great-grandchildren that anyone would be proud of. Maybe one day he will invite one or two of them over for a kickabout in his back garden at Wembley. But when Wilkinson leads England's grown-ups into action against France there on Wednesday the little uns should be tucked up in bed.

No one can doubt the richness of Wilkinson's legacy to Leeds United. Seven graduates from the academy that he established at Elland Road have helped to give the team a season and the likes of Alan Smith and Jonathon Woodgate, let off the reins by

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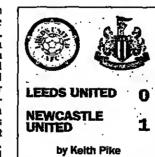
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O'Leary, are clearly outstanding talents with international futures. But they are also desperately tired and just when O'Leary is keen to pack them upstairs for a mid-season nan. he finds himself having to keep them awake.

You would like to leave a few out because they are struggling, but I have no choice," the Leeds manager said on Saturday, when a home defeat by Newcastle United, seven days after a wholesale collapse at The Dell. confirmed suspicions of temporary teenage burn-out and relegated Leeds to sixth in the FA Carling Premiership. Defeat in the FA Cup next weekend by Tottenham Hotspur could reduce their season into a scramble for a Uefa

Cup place. "Some of the young kids are tired, but f simply have nobody else to bring in," O'Leary said. "But they are talented players and in the next few years that quality will

show." Reinforcements, be said, could not be bought before the summer. There were few signs of fadgue early on against Newcastle when, driven on by

Bowyer - a relative veteran at 22 - Leeds' adrenaline rush had Rund Gullit's side penned back. Wijnbard nearly scored from Smith's cross. but once Newcastle sensed their opportunity and the tackles began to fly in, Leeds began to look their tender years. Solano thundered a shot against Martyn's left-hand

post and Ketsbaia failed dismally when one-on-one with the goalkeeper to beat, but just after the hour Ketsbaia, Hamann and Solano exchanged passes on the right, the ball broke kindly from Woodgate's tackle and Solano pounced for the winner. Sexy it wasn't, although

Gullit was titillated. The players want to know if you are going to ask about a rift in the camp again," the Newcastle manager, peeved by recent rumours regarding his relationship with his squad. said. "Our team spirit is our strength." Of flair, though. there is still precious little evidence.

LEEDS UNITED (4-3-3): N Mathyn —) Harte, J Woodgate, L Redebe, O Gronville (sub: G Halle, Germi) — A I Haaland, L Bowyer O Hopkin — A Smith, C Wijnhard (sub: W Korolen, 66), H Newell NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2), S Given — A Griffin, S Howey, L Chanvel, W Barton — N Solano, O Harrann, O Speed, S Glass (sub G Brady 66) — L Saha (sub A Anders-



Barmby: gave Everton a boost with opening goal

success," Smith, the Derby manager, said, "and I hope he will work even harder now to become better." Five minutes from time, Dorigo crossed and Wanchope pounded a header that Thomas Myhre, the goalkeeper, did well to thrust into the air. Burton was able to run at the ball and outjump bigger opponents to head home. The satisfaction of Derby.

after a mere two defeats in 13 matches, is tempered only by the fact that they lost Wanchope with an injured hamstring and expect to be without him for the FA Cup-tie at Hud- 3. dersfield Town next weekend, i though Dean Sturridge is expected to be fit by then.

There are no consolacons for Everton, who are now without a win in their past seven matches. Barmby did give them their first goal in more than five hours of Premiership." football, but that is a fact for: statisticians rather than solace

for supporters.

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FA Carling Premiership: Ferguson's four-goal reserve proves there is no substitute for class

Lethal Solskjaer treasures his pieces of eight

NOT since a shaft of light illu-minated the face of Harry Lime in a Viennese doorway has anyone played the Third Man with quite the same con-viction as Ole Gunnar Solskjær. Consigned again to the cameo role that has become his lot. Manchester United's own version of a cold-blooded assassin gatecrashed the big picture in the victory over Not-tingham Forest at the City Ground on Saturday and made sure that he was the star

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There were times this season when Solskjaer was almost forgotten in the touchy-feely love in that the explosive partnership between Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole has become. Cole and Yorke ear together, go out together, listen to music together. And they score together. As strikers they were made for each other. As they have prospered, set-ting Europe and the FA

Carling Premiership alight with the telepathic play that was best illustrated in Cole's goal against Barcelona in the Nou Camp at the end of November, Solskjaer has laboured in their shadows. Yorke and Cole, quite rightly, have been showered with adulation and hyperbole.
Until a couple of weeks ago.

the thought of splitting them seemed as sacrilegious as sepa-ting Torvill and Dean, Redgrave and Holmes or Clough and Taylor. It felt as if it would have been going against nature, spoiling something so right, trying to fix something that quite definitely was not



changed that. He was linked with £5 million moves to Everton and Tottenham Hotspur early in the season, but Alex Ferguson, the United manag-er, wanted him to stay and Solskjaer did not really want to go. The Norwegian has vindicated that decision by scoring 15 goals, many after com-ing off the bench. Somehow, be has managed to force himself into fourth place in the ranks of Premiership scorers. Only Yorke, Michael Owen and Cole have more.

Even on Saturday, when Cole and Yorke had joined once more in a goalscoring competition that is becoming a bit like the American baseball home-run race last summer, Solskjaer refused to accept secand billing. Cole and Yorke had scored two each and United were in cruise control, but still he refused to be outdone.

Unhappy at the lack of opportunities he is being given in his third season at Old Trafford after his move from Molde, he came on in the 72nd minute and promptly scored four goals in 13 minutes. Fergu-

scored so prodigiously. The victory set a record for a United away win, eclipsing son promised that Solskjaer the 8-2 FA Cup win over Northampton Town in 1970, in which George Best scored six times. Solskjaer looked almost embarrassed as he collected the match ball and fled the stadium without a word to report-

ers or waiting television crews.
Ferguson was happy to do
his talking for him. "Amazing", "fantastic" and "marvellous" were just three of the words he used. "He is a finisher," he said. "There is no question about that. We have tried playing him out on the left, but he is better as a central striker. That is where he prefers to.

discussed his contribution.

terrific all season, but he with raking long balls that



Solskjaer, left, is congratulated by Beckham after scoring the third of his four goals against Nottingham Forest

pitch as well as the goals. He realises he is up against two fantastic in-form strikers and he accepts that, but he has great ability to adapt to the

pace of a game as a sub."

If Solskjaer grabbed the headlines, David Beckham deserved much of the credit for being the architect of many of the goals. Beckham, keen to impress the watching Howard Wilkinson, was superh. His range of passing was breathtaking, his accuracy unwaver-ing, his temperament unquesplay. tionable. Time and again he unlocked the Forest defence Yorke, left, and Cole scored two goals apiece, only to be upstaged by their Manchester United team-mate wants more minutes on the with raking long balls that were nectar for the forwards.

Forest's naivety in defence had allowed Yorke and Cole to put United in control long before Solskjaer appeared. For the home side, it was a harsh lesson about life at the bottom and Ron Atkinson was blunt in his analysis. "We were battered, spanked, murdered," he said. "I'm just glad they didn't put Solskjaer on earlier."

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): D Boassant — J Harkes, C Patmer, J O Hjetde, C Armstrong (subt H Portrio, 74mm) — S Stone, S Geammil (sub J Metason, 58), A Johnson, A Rogers — P van Hooldonk J-C Derchendle (subt O Freedman, 26).

MANCHIESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, J Stam, R Johnson, P Neville — D Beckham, R Keane Isub: J Curtis, 72), P Scholes, J Blomqvist (sub: N Butt, 75) — A Cole, D Yorke (sub. O G Solskiger, 72). Referee: P Alcock. SETTING THE GOAL STANDARD THE TEN BIGGEST PREMIERSHIP VICTORIES

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Ole General Schildner: 15 goals from 10 full appearances and 11 as a sub.

castle United 7

Bergkamp keeps Arsenal firmly in hunt

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Zola fails to hide Chelsea's self-doubt



AS THE weather turned nasty on Saturday evening, two Chelsea supporters sat cradling their pints at a table outside a pub on the King's Road. They snubbed the conditions, pay ing them no attention at all. After the sort of match that they had undergone at Stamford Bridge, what was a little cold rain down their collars? It had been the sort of match to

demoralise even the victors. While watching Chelsea's wheezing win, one wondered how football became the world game. The only clue came in the craftsmanship of the free kick by Gianfranco Zola, in the eleventh minute, that decided the outcome. Although the firmness with which he steered the ball into the corner of the net was admirable, Southampton co-operated by misaligning their defensive wall. In this game, the high-light had its flaw and most episodes were disfigured completely.

There was a weediness about the morale of his team. No one would kick sand in their faces, but rivals pelted Chelsea with the goals they were scoring elsewhere. When United and Arsenal run up 8-1 and 4-0 victories, respectively, away from home, there is a chastening effect on the other challengers.

In these situations, there are always handfuls of reasons to be grasped. Of their several injuries, the most harmful con-

cern Tore Andre Flo. who may be back in a week or two, and Gustavo Poyet, whose date of return is still to be determined. Chelsea especially missed their Uruguayan on Saturday as the visitors continually nudged them back, only lackcarve the match into a differ ent shape. Egil Ostenstad drew a save from Ed de Goey when he could have passed to the ummarked Jim Beattie. Mark Hughes, with four opportunities to demonstrate his trademark volley, botched three and lifted the other into the goalkeeper's hands. His return to his previous club ended in pain when he was carried off on a stretcher after Marcel Desailly caught him on the ankle with a bad foul that went unpunished.

That coarse deed felt like further evidence of a slump in lost a bit of confidence," Graharn Rix, the Chelsea coach, said. "We are not as fluent as we can be." Self-doubt is an odd ailment for a side whose central defence is assembled out of two World Cup-winners, but anxiety will always be one of the ordeals for a club aspiring to the championship. With Chelsea unwell, many

spectators may wish that they privacy by paying this visit. CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Goey — O Petres-cu, M Desailly, F Leboeut, G Le Seux — O Wise, J Morris, R di Matileo, C Bebayaru (sub: 3, Goldbaek, T7mm) — M Forssell (sub: M Nicholls, 60), G Zole.

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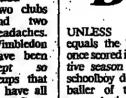


Rudd Two clubs and headaches. Wimbledon have been kept

busy in both cups that their supporters have all but boycotted the trip to The Valley, taking up only half their ticket allocation. Chariton Athletic's pain

is more severe — one point from their past nine games and no win from 13. They are without Richard Rufus (broken arm) but Danny Mills returns from suspension. Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, has had almost a full week in which to re-energise his troops after their FA Cup defeat by Tottenham Hot-

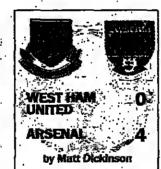
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UNLESS Michael Owen equals the 73 goals that he once scored in a rather productive season as the terror of schoolboy defences, the Footbailer of the Year trophy seems destined to end up in foreign hands. Doesn't it always?

Dwight Yorke, as he does for Manchester United, leads the way, and David Ginola, the Tottenham Hotspur winger, is the roaming outsider. But Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vicira tap relentlessly at the voting senses, just as they did against a feeble West Ham United side who soon caved in. Marc-Vivien Foe, the midfield player whom Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, described as a monster, looked as if he had

been hit by a truck. If Petit and Vicira must surely figure high in the polling, what also of Dennis Bergkamp, the Footballer of the Year for the season 1997-98. whose marvellous goal on Saturday was not the only evidence that his best form is .



returning. The Dutchman, in patches, was outstanding and the West Ham defence unsure whether it was a back four or five, finished the game at sixes .

and sevens. "For me. Dennis is the best attacking player in the Premiership," Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said. "He is the most complete forward. When he came back from the World Cup he needed a rest. Maybe I made a mistake by picking him to play when he was not really ready.

difference. He is so influential in our attacking moves: we still dominate when he is missing, but lack the final touch." Wenger's problem is that

Bergkamp, as well as Petit, will be suspended when he takes his side to face Manchester United at Old Trafford for a came of momentous championship import on Wednesday week - the outcome of which will have a huge sway over the destiny of the title.

Trailing United by five points, albeit with a game in hand, Arsenal will feel it is a match that they cannot afford to lose, but the signs are good. Nine hours and 24 minutes of play have elapsed since the Arsenal rearguard last leaked a goal, and it never looked likely to happen against a West Ham attack for whom Di Canio appeared to be going for the world record for back-

flicks rather than for goal. Arsenal picked off their goals seemingly at will, and Seaman was troubled only by "It is the final ball that is the a couple of long-range shots

after the half-time introduc-tion of Berkovic. before striking a firm, low was a fine finish, but the teen-drive from outside the penalty ager still seems to be at odds

Arsenal should have been ahead from the 31st minute, when Overmars raced on to a incisive through ball by Bergkamp, but the first touch from Overmars was poor and his shot, after he had rounded Hislop, the goalkeeper, was cleared off the line.

Three minutes later, Berg-kamp decided to do it all

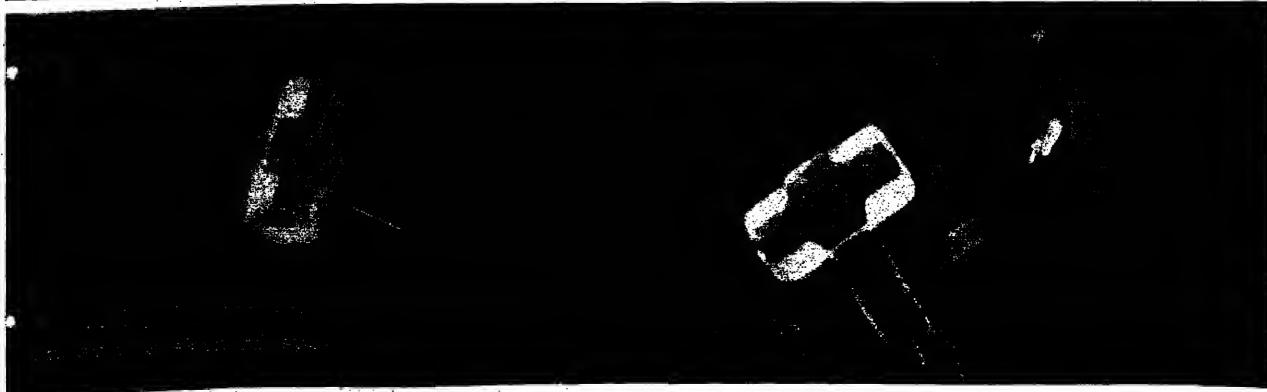


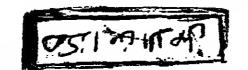


Bergkamp opens the scoring for Arsenal at Upton Park









Jaded Germans left red-faced by Florida show

IT WAS once suggested by Egidius Braun, the head of the German FA. that England and Germany should settle their dispute over who should bid for the 2006 World Cup by playing for the honour. Now. if ever there was a time, we should press Herr Braun for that opportunity.

Seldom in four decades have the German national ieam been at such a low ebb as in Florida on Saturday night. where they succumbed 3-0 to the United States at Jacksonville. Moreover, the goals were all aided by poor defending and the goalscorers. Jovan Kirovski, Tony Sanneh and Claudio Reyna, are all American citizens who earn their living less than spectacularly with German clubs.

"I think the US were truly bener opponents," Erich Ribbeck, the Bundestrainer, said. "They were more aggressive and more agile than we."
Kirovski began the scoring

in the tenth minute, preying on error. He now plays for Fortuna Cologne in the German second division, but from the edge of the penalty box he found the top corner of the net. Sanneh, from Hertha Berlin, scored 14 minutes later, and in the Joth minute Reyna sprinted clear of Germany's lamentable offside trap to make it conclusive.

The excuses? There were some, of course, Germany seldom perform well when there is linle at stake; they are on their mid-winter break, and a handful of their colleagues were absent. Oliver Bierhoff. their capiain, for example, was engaged in Italy's top game, the goalless draw earned by AC Milan in Florence. Christian Worns was on duty for Paris St Germain,

OVERSEAS VIEW



Rob Hughes

Dietmar Hamann was with Newcastle United and Steffen Freund reported for duty with Tonenham Hotspur.

Nonetheless, the Germans expected better from a recognisable line-up, captained by Lothar Matthäus. A month away from his 38th birthday and making a record 131st international appearance, he said: "Everything went well for us this week in training. but today it was a disaster."

The true Germany, or pretenders? "It was a friendly in February," shrugged Bruce Arena, the new United States head coach, said.

In Europe, Fiorenuna, still the leaders in Serie A. will be seeking every sympathy after their failure to win in the Arremio Franchi stadium for the first time in 14 matches. They were held, and for spells dominated, by a resurgent Milan, but the real anxiety for Trapattoni, the Fiorentina coach, was the painful withdrawal seven minutes from the end of Gabriele Batistuta. The powerful Argentinian before, making a typically brave headed clearance to deny Bierhoff. He then sprinted upfield, chasing his nineteenth goal in his twentieth game, when suddenly he collapsed as if hit by rifle fire. It looked a serious hamsiring injury. Lazio were creating their own club record with a ninth consecutive triumph. Lazio. with yet another goal from Christian Vieri and two from Marcelo Salas, beat Perugia to close to within a point of the Florence team.

The contest in the Artemio Franchi was not as dull as the scoreline suggests. George Weah hit the inside of a post from 20 yards, Edmundo replied by hitting the crossbar and Francesco Toldo, the Fiorentina goalkeeper, produced an athletic save from a swirling shot from Zvonimir

There were goals aplenty at the San Siro from Internazionale. How erraric this team, who visit Manchester United in the next round of the Champions' League in March, are proving. Yesterday, in thrashing Empoli 5-1, their chief menace was Youri Djorkaef, the Frenchman, who will be in action, presumably, against England at Wembley on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, David Platt left linle behind when he departed Sampdoria just 48 days into a 21-year contract. His former team still cannot srir themselves from the foot of Serie A. and finished scoreless at home againsi Cagliari.

For one Italian, the goals did come. Fabrizio Ravanelli scored twice as Olympique Marseille returned to the top of the French League by beat-



Kanchelskis inspires Rangers

By PHIL GORDON

ONE moment of sublime skill from Andrei Kanchelskis lifted this march above its station, and lifted Rangers further above their pursuers. The 56th-minute volley by the Ukrainian winger belonged in a bener setting than East End Park and two further goals from Jonatan Johansson, the latter a tap-in after 89 minutes, secured Rangers' 12-point lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League.

Dunfermline's record of just two league victories all season has contributed to their relegarion plight. However, it is their

League.

month,

capacity to draw matches - 13 in all - which has been more costly. Dick Campbell, the caretaker manager, who took over after Bert Paton resigned last month, has pledged that if his side are to go down, they will do so fighting, but there was little sign of the attacking intent that has marked

Dunfermline's recent games. Maybe it was the treacherous pitch, glistening with white as the temperature dropped below freezing, that caused Campbell's players to be cautious, but they certainly stuck to a rigid formation in the opening phase, getting everyone behind the ball. Kanchelskis almost pierced that armour in the first minute but Lee Butler held the shot

The irony is that, while Dunfermline have been labelled negative, they possess in Andy Smith a striker who scored 26 ague poais last season. Smith almost demonstrated that ability in the ninth ounute when he leapt to power in a Klos, the Rangers goalkeeper. fumbled in gathering the ball. Rangers, though, continued to look far more menacing. and Jorg Albertz forced Butler to save his fierce 30-yard shot before the goalkeeper made an

SI Johnstone continued their pursuit of a place in the Uefa Cup when a penalty by Gary Bollan secured a 1-0 victory at home to Dundee United. Motherwell's revival was halfed at Dundee, who won with a goal from Steven Tweed.

impressive save in the 22nd minute by turning Johansson's header past the post.

However, Dunfermline ew more adventurous and David Graham, the striker, would have scored against the club that sold him earlier in the season had Klos not from close range, Kanchelskis bundling the rebound clear.

Dunfermline gave Rangers header from Chris Mc- an uneasy introduction to the Groarty's cross and Stefan second half with a succession

of crosses into the area. One of them almost provided a goal in the 55th minute, when Smith struck a low shot that Klos parried.

However, within 60 seconds, Rangers went ahead, Neil McCann. who had replaced Nicholson at half-time, picked out Kanchelskis at the back of the area and he struck a dipping left-foot volley into the roof of the net.

Rangers' relief was palpable and four minutes later they doubled their advantage. Mc-Cann and Johansson exchanging passes before the Finland player struck his shot past Butler. Smith should have reduced the delicit with 15 minutes left, after Kanchelskis was judged to have pushed Colin Nish in the penalty area, but the striker failed to hit the target with his penalty kick.

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Larsson lifts Celtic's spirits

HENRIK LARSSON took Feyenoord. his previous employers, to court in a bid to oush through his transfer to Celtic 20 months ago. The Dutch club would be entitled to pursue a counter-claim against the Scottish champions right now - for theft.

Larsson's destruction of Heart of Midlothian on Saturday was such a masterclass of movement and balance that even Josef Venglos, the Celtic coach, was moved to describe the Sweden player as "one of the best players in Europe right now

A haul of 24 goals under-lines why Sheffield Wednesday have already had one £4 million bid for the forward rejected this season. That was what the FA Carling Premiership club paid Celtic for Paolo Di Canio last season and Larsson is worth twice as much in the eyes of the 59.815 supporters who hailed his sublime hat-trick at Parkhead.

So, pity poor Feyenoord, who received only £650,000 for Larsson because of a clause in his contract. Larsson has already been named Sweden's Player of the Year, ahead of a clutch of names who play in Serie A. and thanks, in great part, to his inspirational display against England last September. The book is closed already on who will be awarded the Scottish Player of the Year title.

Paul Lambert, the Cehic midfield player, savoured Larsson's display in the 3-0 success and claimed: "Henri] deserves every accolade that going. He is the best player we have in our country. His movement is so good that defenders find it hard to pin him down, so they stand off him. But he loves that even more."

Whether Larsson's fine play, which was admirably matched by that of Phil O'Donnell and Lubomir Moravcik. brings a more tangible reward in the shape of a second successive championship medal. is debatable because the gap to be bridged with leaders Rangers is still a large one.

Eoin Jess's 13th goal of the season and a header from new signing, Andreas Mayer, saw Kilmarnock. second-placed. lose 2-1 at Aberdeen.

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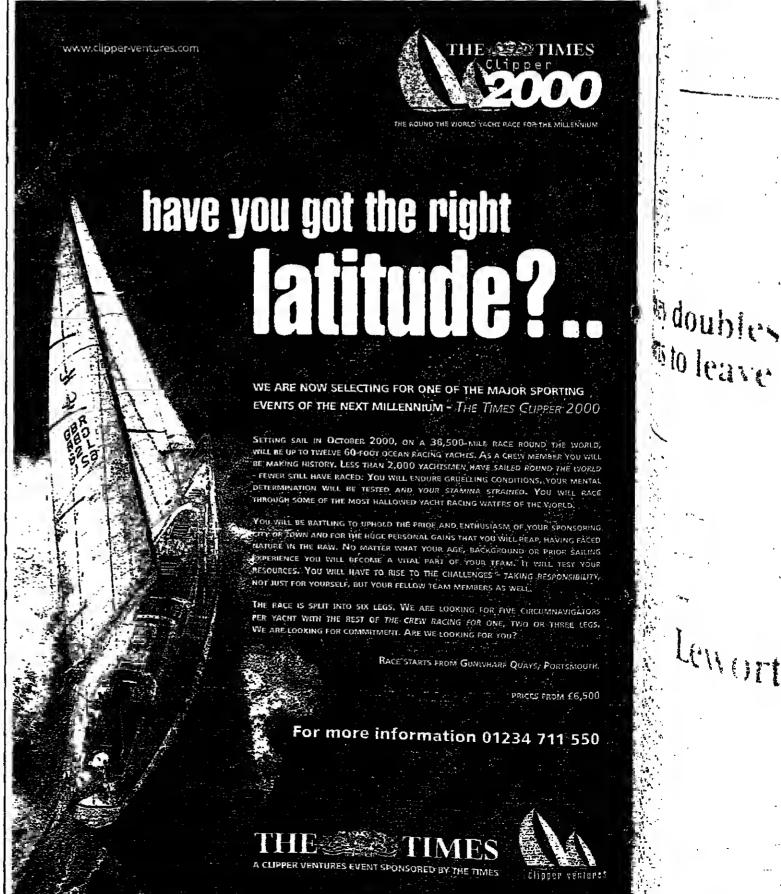


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Nationwide League: Leaders regain form while Bradford underline promotion prospects

Jewell's collection upwardly mobile

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BY STEPHEN WOOD

CULTURES are colliding at Bradford City. There remains evidence of an insular, but friendly club, aware of their importance for the local community. Then, there is the 21stcentury Bradford City, out to impress the rest of the country.

Few clubs in England would hold a minute's silence before kick-off for two supporters who had died recently. Geoffrey Richmond, the chairman, is an affable man who thinks nothing of instigating such a tribute. There are also few clubs in England where it takes three stewards to show members of the media to the ess lounge.

Backed by Richmond's financial clout, Bradford are gearing up for the FA Carling Premiership. A place in the top flight has eluded them since 1922, so the achievement of promotion from the Nationwide League could not be overstated. They are in second place, eight points adrift of Sunderland, but recent form has been impressive and they dissected Watford so clinically that Graham Taylor, the visiting man-ager, said: "I would not have Sunderland as certainties to win this league just yet."
Paul Jewell, the Liverpool

born manager of Bradford, relies on Scouse wit and as solid a 4-4-2 formation as you could wish to see. Richmond's willingness to spend has helped him to create a forward partnership that could be the best outside the Premiership. E Mills was bought for £1 million from Port Vale and

Robbie Blake was acquired from Darlington for £350,000. Mills's goal after 64 minutes on Saturday took their combined total to 32 this season and the combination of his strength and Blake's skill is a pleasure to watch. There are



McCall, No 4, is congratulated by joyful team-mates after giving in-form Bradford City the lead after only nine minutes of the game against Watford on Saturday

clubs who would like to make Swart McCall, their midfield them Premiership players now, but Jewell is adamant that they will stay. "No one is for sale at this club," he said.

If Bradford do not go up, then multimillion-pound bids might test Jewell's resolve over. the summer. It is vital, therefore, that Bradford seize this promotion opportunity for, as

Davison slip proves costly

player, can testify, they do not present themselves too often. McCall was in the side that

could have gone up to the old first division in 1987. They held an automatic promotion place until the spring, were overtaken by Ipswich Town and then lost in the play-offs. Thereafter, he was sold to

Everton, but when his time at Rangers came to an end last summer, he moved back to Bradford to add valuable experience. He scored the opening goal on Saturday after eight minutes, a low drive from 25 yards, and said: "The difference between this season and 12 years ago is the money that the manager has got to spend.

"Last time, we had to suc-ceed with a squad of 16, but now we are better-equipped and I hope we can go one step farther. This team certainly knows only one way to play we go for it home and away but we'll have to wait and see

The events of the past week

will have struck a chord with Taylor, the former England manager, more than most. He unsuccessful. refused to talk about Glenn Hoddle, but it was not difficult

as he took his seat on the coach for the homeward journey. Watford probably will not

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BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): G Walish — S Wright, A O'Bnen, A Westwood, W Jacobs — J Lawrence, S McCell, G Whalley, P Beegrie — R Bloke, L Mills.

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they may even fail to make the

Clark in form despite rumours

Sunderland . Swindon Town

By George Caulkin

IT may seem a mite difficult to fathom, given their standing in the league table this morning, but Sunderland have just emerged, blinking in the sunlight, from their most traumatic episode since the harrowing fate that they suffered in the play-off final last May: B fortnight when allegations have been hurled, loyalty ques-tioned and rebellion mooied.

That this period also encom-passed a short golfing break, a Worthington Cup semi-final and the acquisioon of another three points towards their inevitable promotion to the FA Carling Premiership, puts this "crisis" into perspective. Had Peter Reid's team contrived to slip up against Swindon Town on Saturday, it would have marked their fourth successive defeat. They did not, and so the storm clouds dissipate, even if a rumble of suppressed discontent remains.

This, after all, is Sunderland's year in limbo - sen-tenced to another twelve months treading water in the Nationwide League first division. For the fourteenth time at the Stadium of Light this season, Sunderland scored two or more goals. Again, they won and, at the end, Lee Clark, their midfield player, saluted the supporters for their patience and backing.

This was particularly poignant. Clark, who signed from Newcastle United for £2.75 million two years ago - has been at the heart of the rumours and dissent. There has been a public spat with Kevin Ball, his captain, abuse from a minority of fans unhappy with his form since recovering from a broken foo. In turn, Clark is believed to be concerned at Reid's enduring failure to attract new signings, although the manager denies it.

Against Swindon, Clark was Sunderland's most accomplished performer, shooting against the crossbar in the dying moments. The goals came from Niall Quinn and Kevin Phillips, but Clark was in the background, prompting

More than anyone, he repreland's recent transformation; young, gifted and black and

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): T Sorensen — C Malán, A Molville, P Butler, M Gray — N Summerbea, L Clark, K Ball, A Johnson Subr M Bridges, Börnin) — N Quinn (sub: D Dicho, 83), K Philips.

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Francis is reduced to silence Craig Moore was adjudged to have pulled back Paul Furlong complain that a freak own

Grimsby Town.. Bolton Wanderers.

By PAT GIBSON

THIS was a rotten result for those who still dream that a ttle club like Grimsby Town all about money and a place in the FA Carling Premiership. Perhaps we should join the Flat Earth society.

The contrast between these clubs could hardly be more stark. Grimsby are locked into their antiquated Blundell Park ground on the banks of the Humber, which was packed close to capacity with a crowd of 8,674 on Saturday. while Bolton Wanderers, bankrolled by two excursions into the Premiership in the past four years, lord it in their new Reebok Stadium.

Yet, for the best part of an hour, Grimsby, promoted

from the Nationwide League second division via the playoffs last season, completely outplayed their visitors, whoretain the nucleus of the side relegated from the Premiership only on goal difference.

Then, nine minutes into the second balf, Frandsen booked

Fish and Davison, Grimsby's Northern Ireland goalkeeper, made a complete bash of his punch. Holdsworth, a £3.5 million striker who could probably buy Grimsby with the money be has made from football, calmly dispatched his fourth goal in three matches to give Bolton their ninth win in a run of 13 league games without defeat.

first-half injury time after hav-ing Neil Campbell, their other striker, sent off in the 39th

minute for elbowing Dillon in

the face. Ingledow and Warne

had put the home team in the

driving seat. The two most important goals I have probably scored in my life," was how Rapley described his work.

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ROTHERHAM UNITED (4-4-2): M Politi —
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SOUTHEND UNITED (44-42): M. Margel-son — M. Beard, R. Newman, S. Coleman, M. Booty — K. Mariar, S. Livet (subt. S. McGawin, 64), Gooding, S. Houghton (subt. B. Conton, 46) — N. Campbell, K. Rapiey.
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Alan Buckley, the Grimsby manager, who had written in

league within a league" in the first division, where clubs like Bolton operate in a different sphere to his own, did not disguise his disappointment at the result.

"It is not sour grapes because we have lost," he said. Bolton have had a terrific run of results, but we've been a far better side than them for most of the afternoon and to lose to a goal like that . . . frus-

> Even Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, had to concede that his much-vaunted midfield had been outplayed for ODCC.

trating is not the word."

GRIBBISHY TOWN (4-5-1): A Develon — J McDermott, R Snith, P Hendydde, T Gar-more (sub: D Clare, 61min) — K D Goo-(sub: M Lever, 82), B Coldicatt, K Bleek, P. Groves, O Smith (sub: T Widdrington, 87) — L Noger.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): J.Jaeske-ainen — N Cox, M Fish, P Warfurst (sub: R Ellioti, 15), M Whittow — M Johansen, P Frandsen, C.Jansen (sub: R Gardner, 68), S Seilara — D Holdeworth, B Taylor

Crystal Palace . Birmingham City.....1 BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

TREVOR FRANCIS, the Birmingham City manager, declined to attend the post-Saturday. Perhaps he did not trust himself not to say something he might regret. More likely, there are some things that simply are too painful to

talk about.

Whether he was more distressed by his team throwing away two precious points in stoppage time, or by a perform-ance regarded by regular observers as one of their worst of the season, we may never know. But as it was widely accepted that Birmingham were fortunate to beat Bradford City six days earlier, with a penalty winner in the dying

seconds, they should not really

goal with virtually the last kick (and rebound) of the match denied them an undeserved win.

Things could be worse. For Steve Coppell, the Crystal Palace manager, they are already. A second home defeat of the forced to rely increasingly on their own young products looking nervously towards the foot of the Nationwide League first division. That is hardly Francis's problem. Birmingham, though dropping one place to

fifth, stay in the play-off frame. They only reached half-time level thanks to Kevin Poole. the goalkeeper, who produced a strong save-of-the-season candidate from Lee Bradbury's header and the crossbar, which repelled a flick from Gordan Petric.

The fates, or at least Clive Wilkes, the referee, were also on Birmingham's side when



and prodding.

Furlong: penalty prize

Rapley doubles efforts to leave

Rotherham United Southend United.....2

BY MARTIN WOODS

NOT content with four goals, six bookings, one sending-off and enough on-loan strikers to convince Arthur Scargill that the best fantasy football is being played in his own south Yorkshire backyard, this match also provided a fightback that was worthy of any football comic strip.

In this case, the hero was Kevin Rapley, the young Southend United striker who is on loan from Brentford, where he has been unable to wivince Ron Noades, the owner-manager, of his value to the side.

When John Gregory, the Aston Villa manager, responded recently to Stan Collymore's crie de coeur about stress, he suggested that the millionaire's complaint would be more appropriate coming from a Nationwide League third-division player with a wife, kids, mortgage and three months left on his contract. He might have been describing Rapley. now filling Colly-more's boots as leader of the Southend attack.

With three games left on his loan contract and desperate to lape Noades's jurisdiction. he capped a magnificent per-formance with two clinically taken goals to earn a point for Alvin Martin's side, which seemed highly unlikely when they went 2-0 down deep into

Arrests as fans clash

THE Football Association will await police reports before deciding whether to take any action after trouble at the Nationwide League second division game between Manchester City and Mill-

wall on Saturday.

Eight Millwall supporters and three City fans were arrested during the match at Maine Road — which City won 3-0 - after minor skirmishes between fans. All were charged with public order offences. There was also trouble inside the ground after the home side's opening goal, as seats were thrown.

Stoke wounded by ruthless Fletcher

Bournemouth

BY MEL WEBB

NOT SO much a mere fortress, more a full-scale exercise in utter impregnability, complete with moat, drawbridge and thick walls, that's Dean Court. Would-be conquerors should be wary, for if by chance they should show signs of penetrating the first line of defence and get beyond the portcullis, they could end up with a vat of boiling oil down

their necks. Stoke City tried it on Saturday, and ended up with third-degree burns.
This promised to be a tightly

fought Nationwide League second division match between promotion contenders. In the event, it was not even a contest as Bournemouth, who have now played 19 times on their own ground this season without being beaten, sauntered to

Bournemouth were forced to go into battle without Mark Stein, who has scored 23 goals this season, because of flu, but it made little difference. Steve Fletcher, who is negotiating a new contract with Bournemouth, responded with a performance of power and commitment that brought him two goals before half-time. The game reached its nadir

shortly before the interval when Kavanagh, Stoke's principal playmaker, and O'Neill were sent off after Kavanagh's ill-conceived tackle on Hughes brought swift retribution in the form of a forearm jolt from O'Neill.

With Kavanagh gone, Stoke were rendered even more sterile. Steve Robinson and James Hayter, a substitute, took full advantage, adding the third and fourth goals respectively.

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"THE SPIRIT INTHE Even if you're not top of the Fantasy League, you can still win £500 as Team of the Week or £1000 Manager of the month. Funny old game isn't it?

er, Leworthy hooked the ball over two defenders and drove have learnt much from the Kingstonian.....3 a fierce shot that Lidbury Crossley an uncomfortable time but failed to make the could only help into his net Two minutes later, darting for-By WALTER GAMMIE ward, darting back, Leworthy most of their chances and B

Leworthy revives dreams

THE undiminished appetite for goals of David Leworthy turned an awkward FA Umbro Trophy fourth-round

tie in Kingstonian's favour at Church Road on Saturday. After a lacklustre first half display by the Nationwide Conference side and some pointed words from Geoff. Chapple, the manager, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Reading striker, now 36,

bear in the 54th minute.

Smartly played in by Pitch-

made the space for Mustafa to find him with a perfect free kick that he headed in at the far post. He might easily have had a hat-trick, most notably

clear, but he let the ball run away from him and was foiled by Lidbury. Lee Richardson, the Whyteleafe manager, had told his side of the threat from Leworthy, knowing that age serves brought his special touch to

when Patterson sent him

only to sharpen the awareness of finishers of his calibre. Richardson's 20-year-old

strikers, Scott and Dillon, will outing. They gave Brown and penalty, converted by Luckett, gave Kingstonian a flattering third goal.

Leworthy can dream of Wembley. The only time I've played there is in the five-asides - at the Arena," he said. WHYTELEAFE (3-5-2): M Luthury — N Hobidins, G Fisher, G Elnot — ti Alger, J Kadi (sub: M Codiman, 72 min), N Golley, L Commack, D McSheny (sub: B George, 54) — P Scott, L Dillon.

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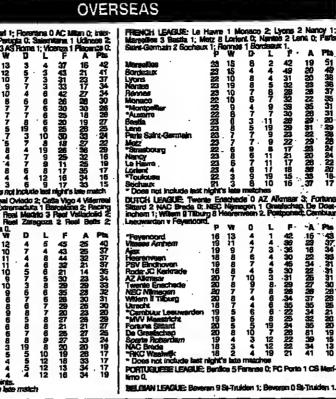
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Deon Burton, of Derby, turns away to celebrate after scoring one of his two goals against Everton yesterday. Derby, won the match 2-1 after going behind to a goal by Nick Barmby. Match report, page 28. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

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Blue canvas from Benny Hill school of painting

he ancient Britons used to go into battle wearing nothing but blue paint, or woad. And so it was something of a return to our roots when the players in the Ireland-France rugby union match tried the same tactic on Saturday.

Well, they kept their shirts and shorts on, but they were all painted deep blue. It was one of the most bizarre sporting sights I have seen. Sport is an absurd pastime, one that forever trembles on the edge of farce. This match came close to falling over the edge and it is a tribute to a wonderfully dramatic game that it never quite happened.

Why don't sporting people ring me up before they make

decisions? I make no claims to exceptional percipience, but I can see the obvious. And il strikes me as reasonably obvious that if you leave a load of wet paint on the ground and then get 30 fellows to roll about in it, they are going to get paint all over them.

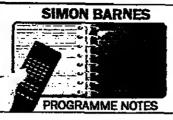
The paint is there on the pitch to sell something. It always is. A good idea, all it does is spoil the actual sport and make the players look like eejits. But who cares about the players, or the audience? It is surely the sponsors that matter: them and nobody else.

it was wonderfully and absurdly distracting. Every time play went towards the blue bit, you tensed up: are they going to fall over and roll about in it again? Soon the players had blue faces, blue arms, blue hair, blue shorts, blue jerseys. They sought to rub blue paint from their eyes with painty blue fingers.

Trainers had to run on 10 the pitch with towels to wine off the blue. You wondered if the game would have to be stopped because all of the players had become indistinguishably blue. The more it rained, the paintier it got. And in the end, it was the

rain that came to the rescue, falling so tumultuously that the players were washed in a few minutes from deepest Oxford to palest Cambridge. And we were free to bring our straying minds and giggling thoughts back to the action.





But really, it was an instructive little episode in the story of sport and sports sponsorship. Saturday afternoon brought us an unholy alliance of greed and idiocy, with the actual sport taking second place in the calculations.

When that happens, the audience - watching for the sake of the sport, remember takes against the interfering sponsor in a big way.

Sporting sponsors always remind me of the Benny Hill character, Fred Scuttle. Fred was always sidling into shot. trying to get on camera, no matter how little the story demanded his presence. The episode of the woad was pure Fred Scuttle; it made sport look silly and the sponsor con-

temptible. I have decided, how-

ever, to keep quiet about the

name of the sponsor and save

will continue to do this so long as Lloyds TSB let me off the repayments on my present loan. Is that a deal, lads?

As the afternoon wore on and the paint wore off, a breathtaking game emerged. as if an experi picture-cleaner had been called in to reveal the painter's original intention, getting rid of the self-assertive retouchings of interfering daubers.

But really, why don't these sports people ring me up more often? No, Glenn, Michael Owen is a natural goalscorer, and while we're not on the subject, 1'd keep your views on reincarnation to yourself. Alec, being captain and wicketkeeper and leading batsman is

them from further ridicule. 1 a bit too much, you will exhaust yourself without winning anything. And look here, you Irish chaps: an international rugby team does rather need a proper goalkicker.

But Ireland picked poor David Humphreys, who is not even a first-choice kicker for his club. Folly upon folly: television, sometimes more than live sport, can bring us that sense of dreadful inevitability. Every nuance of the Humphreys body language told us he was going to miss. And that was just his first pot at goal: by the time of the last, fateful hoof, it was all 100 much.

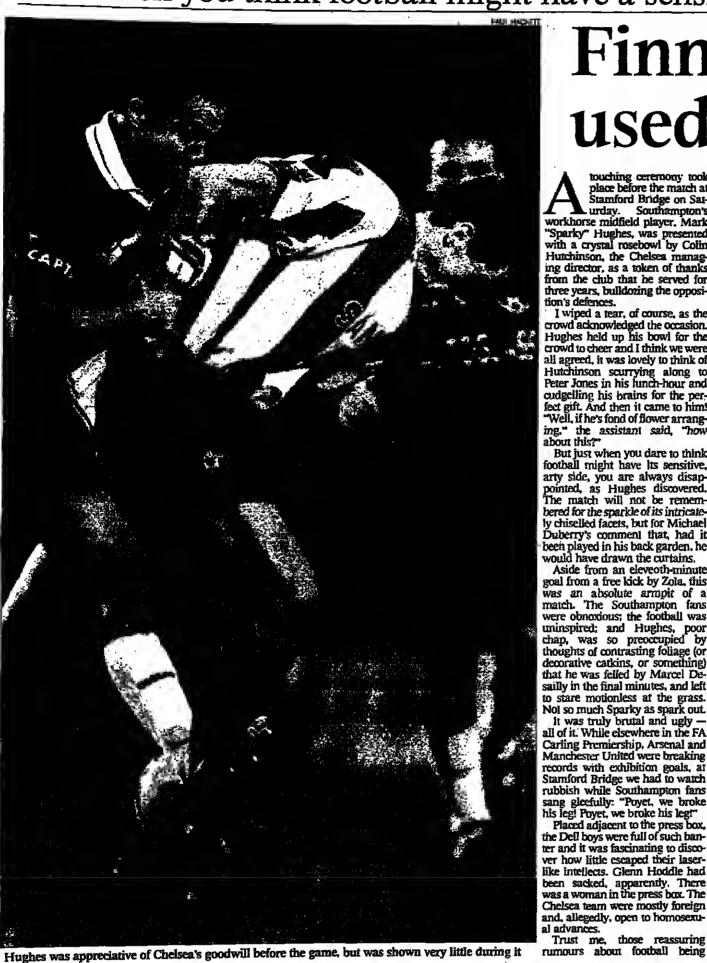
Nations always love to live up to the cliché images of themselves, and Ireland did this quite comprehensively. They

French and still managed to lose. Even when they had thrown the game away, they had a chance to win it back

with a late penalty. And with dreadful inevitability. Humphreys whacked it wide. A splendid afternoon continued with the Scotland-Wales match; the latest Welsh revival lasted this ome for II seconds: the time it took Scotland to sell them one of the oldest and cheapest plays in the

rugby union playbook. Great stuff. How would the Five Nations Championship have coped without England? England were not in action and the clear answer was: Jolly Well. A piry it can't cope without soonsors.

'Just when you think football might have a sensitive, arty side, you are disappointed'



Finns ain't what they used to be at Chelsea

touching ceremony took place before the match at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. Southampton's workhorse midfield player, Mark "Sparky" Hughes, was presented with a crystal rosebowl by Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, as a token of thanks from the club that he served for three years, bulldozing the opposi-tion's defences.

I wiped a tear, of course, as the crowd acknowledged the occasion. Hughes held up his bowl for the crowd to cheer and I think we were all agreed, it was lovely to think of Hutchinson scurrying along to Peter Jones in his lunch-hour and cudgelling his brains for the per-fect gift. And then it came to him! "Well, if he's fond of flower arranging," the assistant said, "how about this?"

But just when you dare to think football might have its sensitive, arty side, you are always disappointed, as Hughes discovered. The match will not be remembered for the sparkle of its intricately chiselled facets, but for Michael Duberry's comment that, had it been played in his back garden, he would have drawn the curtains. Aside from an eleveoth-minute

goal from a free kick by Zola, this was an absolute armpit of a match. The Southampton fans were obnexious; the football was uninspired; and Hughes, poor chap, was so preoccupied by thoughts of contrasting foliage (or decorative catkins, or something) that he was felled by Marcel Desailly in the final minutes, and left to stare motionless at the grass.

Not so much Sparky as spark out. it was truly brutal and ugly all of it. While elsewhere in the FA Carling Premiership, Arsenal and Manchester United were breaking records with exhibition goals, at Stamford Bridge we had to watch rubbish while Southampton fans sang gleefully: "Poyet, we broke his leg! Poyet, we broke his leg!"

Placed adjacent to the press box, the Dell boys were full of such banter and it was fascinating to discover how little escaped their laserlike intellects. Glenn Hoddle had been sacked, apparently. There was a woman in the press box. The Chelsea team were mostly foreign and, allegedly, open to homosexual advances.

Trust me, those reassuring



middle-class all of a sudden have been cruelly exaggerated. However, while we wait for the yobs to take up tiddlywinks, I do have a modest proposal for something that can be done. The stewards at Stamford Bridge can be taken to the car park and, after a brief ceremony in which they hang their heads and remove their armbands, they can be shot.

I had come to Chelsea with other things in mind: to witness the crystal gleam of the 17-year-old Finn, Mikael Forssell, who worked such wonders in midweek against Oxford United by the style of his. er, finishing. What a treat for

anyone even halfway tolerant of puns. Just my luck, then, that on Saturday this was a finishing Finn who didn't quite get started.

To be fair, Dennis Wise had ad-

vised us in his programme note not to expect a repeat performance from young Mikael — "He's only a kid living in a foreign country" --but it was an unreasonable request. Doesn't football generally encourage shallow, callous response? "A new Michael Owen?" we say. "Show me, I can't see one. Oh hang on, perhaps he's the new David Owen. Or the new Wilfred Owen. Ha, ha, ha." Anyway, when Forssell was substituted for Mark Nicholls after an hour, the game immediately got more interesting. Which is just the way it goes, I suppose, when you are a genuine superstar in the making.

Afterwards, it was possible to see a pattern and purpose in the game. This was small consolation. but better than none. Southampton had staunchly "taken the game to Chelsea", while Chelsea had uncharacteristically "dug in". Nor-mally. Chelsea wouldn't get their hands dirty trying to win such a dreadful game; they would say "Oh fiddle-de-dee", and go shop-ping. But having briefly topped the Premiership table, they have pragmatically changed their priorities.

Not quite Arsenal in disguise. they were not very pretty and they didn't care. True, Ed De Goey made his usual heart-stopping dashes from goal, but I have finally got the hang of these now and begin to see their value to the scoreline, "Off you go, Ed," I now cry, instead of "Eek". "That's right! That'll teach them to come into your half." And it works out very well. They de him to his goalposts with elastic, you know. Two loops around the waist. This startled giraffe of a goalkeeper can then run 30 yards to the farthest stretch of the elastic, leap to punch the ball clear and be yanked back to his proper posicion. It's a bit like Gladiators, only without the paddles or the foam rubber.

Meanwhile, again in retrospect. Southampton's version of "taking the game to the opposition" meant mainly hard work and intimidation, and it wasn't bad at all. Hassan Kachloul, their new Moroccan player, is still giving them good val-ue; and for reasons of solid effort, the whole team impressed in a way that Chelsea's individuals failed to do. I never forgot that Egil Ostenstad was playing, for example, whereas I frequently had to pinch myself to remember Roberto Di Matteo was on the park, Which was odd because he was wearing those over-the-knee socks of his. which generally - whisper it thrill me to my very core.

o it was a draw-the-curtains match, truly. When they showed the highlights on Match of the Day, without hesitation I hid behind the sofa. It wasn't a question of commitment or "heart", simply a question of entertainment. When a man came into the press box and held up a note of the attendance figure (34,920), it was the highlight of the afternoon. By then we had stopped wanting to hear about the scoreline at Nottingham Forest or Upton Park. We made a note and gave a grateful thumbs-up. 34.920.

Marvellous. I expect it's only me that is worried about the rosebowl. But since Hughes was carried off unconscious from the pitch, you can't help wondering, did he remember to take it home? Did anyone? Much as one hates to accuse Chelsea of money-grubbing, it does look likely that they gave Hughes the rosebowl and then deliberately knocked him out so they could take it back on Monday.

If anyone sees Colin Hurchinson approaching customer services in Peter Jones with a big carrier-bag this week, perhaps they would write to let us know.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Barmy Army alliance with cricket board

From Mr Richard Peel Sir, Michael Henderson was wrong to state that the England and Wales Cricket Board has "announced it would form a commercial alliance" with the Barmy Army (January 30). In response to a question from the press, we simply thanked the Barmy Army for their sup-

they wished to put forward.

To date, they have not made contact with us and it is misleading to suggest that we have entered into a business relationship. Yours sincerely. RICHARD PEEL

port in Australia and stated that we would be

prepared to listen to any commercial proposal

Director of Corporate Affairs, ECB, Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8 8OZ.

From Mr Kelvin Richardson Sir, For the information of Michael Henderson.

cricket supporters pay with their hard-earned money to follow the (mis)fortunes of the national cricket team, unlike journalists and others. The Barmy Army is liked by both the press and the locals in every country it visits, as well as by

the English team members themselves. Since Mr Henderson had the misfortune to be born in the 20th century and not the 18th, I do at least possess some good news for him he does not have to "simply grin and bear the Barmy Army, he can always change to a more suitable profession. I would respectfully suggest the following possibilities: librarian, mar-ket gardener, editor for Anglers' Weekly, referee for the English Bowls Association. Yours faithfully,

· K. A. RICHARDSON, Candletree Cottage, Hervines Road. Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 SHS. of disc golf From Mr George Ince

Forerunners

Forssell, Chelsea's young Finn, lost his midweek sparkle

Sir, Disc golf (Report, February 4) must be an American adaptation of plate golf. Some 50 years ago we played a form of golf game at scout camp, using enamel eating plates to aim at a series of targets. The action needed to propel the plates was similar to that needed for a Frisbee. The flight of the plate was often spectacular, particularly when the dispatch point was the top of a hill

and the target at the bottom. The first target was always the trunk of a nominated tree. but from then on the winner of

Remind me again, why was

he hounded out of office?

ders all served as targets -much more variety than the standard targets of disc golf. The great art was to hit the

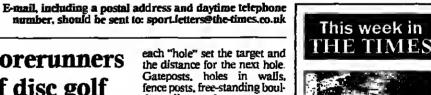
target softly, so that no great damage was done to the plate to destroy its balance, or indeed to make it unfit to eat from! Is this yet another game invented in Britain in which we no longer lead the world? Yours faithfully, GEORGE INCE.

18 Pine Court, Doune. Perthshire FKI6 6JE.

From Mr Richard Hildesley

Sir, I was fascinated to read the description of disc golf. My late uncle, John Forrest, an England rugby international in the 1930s, devised a similar sport in the early Fifties, while we were camping on a farm in central Wales. Pre-Frisbee, the balls were aluminium plates. the greens were blankets and groundsheets strategically dotted round the field. Simple, but the source of much pleasure, as were many of the games he dreamt up to amuse a whole generation of us, who worshipped this particular

Pied Piper. Yours nostalgically, RICHARD J. HILDESLEY, Garden Cottage, Woodside, Windsor Forest, Berkshire SL4 2DP.





Тотогтом After the success of 1998, how will Mika Hakkinen. above, fare this season? Kevin Eason reports from Barcelona on the launch of McLaren's new Formula

Wednesday

World champions France present the toughest possible test as Howard Wilkinson takes charge of England for the first time. Oliver Holt looks forward to the match at Wembley.

Thursday

Will it be first blood to England or Australia in the final of the triangular one-day cricket tournament?

Football Saturday The FA Cup fifth round, tie by tie, including Fulham's prospects of upsetting Manchester United.

RFU and the **Five Nations**

From Mr Richard Prescott Sir, Gerald Davies is wrong to say (February 5) that the Rug-by Football Union want to dispense with the Five Nations Championship On the contrary we have gone on record many times in recent weeks to reiterate our commitment to the championship and welcome the overdue addition of Italy to it. Our concerns were related to the Accord agree-ment signed in 1996, which we believe needs to be updated to acknowledge the addition of Italy. There are also a number of other issues we want clarified. An opportunity to discuss these will now take place with the Five Nations in the forthcoming weeks.

The relevision contract the RFU signed with Sky provided the game in England with vital revenue for all levels of the sport. I am sure Mr Davies would not begrudge the distribution of funds to junior clubs and youth development as a result of this deal

As far as Europe is concerned the RFU want the clubs back in Europe and we will be sitting down with them very shortly to discuss their future interest in the competition.

Finally, the Anglo-Welsh competition was streamlined

to the two unions for very straightforward reasons. Firstly, Ireland could not commit

players into provincial sides in a British league for a whole season. Scotland are undergoing a review of their structure. which we understand will not be completed until May or June this year but the door remains open for their involvement in future seasons.

The proposal for five Welsh clubs covered the vast majority of their international players and the suggested structure was for one season with the potential for expansion in the following years. Although the RFU and English first division clubs are happy to discuss any further points on an Anglo-Welsh league with the WRU, we are now in discussions with the clubs to plan for next season's Allied Dunbar

Premiership.
RICHARD PRESCOTT, Director of Communications.

Rugby House. Rugby Road. Twickenham TWI IDS.

Carling's rating From Ms Susie Pover Sir, "Carling voted best of British" (Loose Talk, January 28). Carling? Will Carling? That Carling? How can anyone seriously describe Carling as the hest British player of the last 25 years?

Assuming the Lloyds TSB

survey was completed in 1998, that means il looked at the best British player since 1973. Let's go back to the beginning: Well, for a start there is your colleague, the brilliant Gerald Davies, JPR and Gareth Edwards may not be eligible, but there's Phil Bennett, and, more recently, what about Jonathan Davies, Ieuan Evans, Robert Howley and that's before I even look at the

Welsh, Perhaps by "British" is meant "English". I admil my partiality. I have 24 Claygate Road been a Wales supporter for

forwards . . . Ah, I think I see

the problem - they are all, er,

more than 30 years. But I could probably list another ten players - Irish and Scots ahead of Carling. And if it must be an English player, again there are many who would qualify ahead of him. What about, for example, someone who has more grace and taleni - Jeremy Guscott. Seriously, if you were to com-

pile your 1973-1998 composite

Lions team, would Carling

even make it to the bench?

Yours sincerely SUSIE POVEŘ London W13 9XG

Hoddle's exit From Mr Andrew Wren

games by giving three points for a win and one for a draw, then you take the total points scored and divide by the number of games, you arrive at an average score which is a simple measurement of the England manager's success. On this basis, England scored better under Glenn Hoddle than under any of his four predecessors and, by this measurement alone, was the best manager England has had for at least 22 years.

Sir, if you "score" England ANDREW D WREN. Felden Charm. Felden, Herts HP3 0BQ. From Mr Graham Evans Sir, As a Welshman, I find the sudden departure of Glenn

Yours sincerely.

Hoddle instructive. Could you now please ask your football correspondent to interview Bobby Gould and encourage him to say something stupid? Yours sincerely, GRAHAM EVANS. 31 Bay View Terrace, Brynmill, Swansea SAI 4LT.

Injuries

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Scotland

triumph

By MARK SOUSTER

SERIOUS injury to two play-ers took the shine off the Scot-tish celebrations after their

morale-boosting victory over. Wales at Murrayfield.

Duncan Hodge, the Scot-

land fly half, almost certainly will miss the remainder of the

Five Nations Championship and probably the rest of the season after breaking a bone in his left fibula: Doddie Weir.

Scotland's most experienced player and a crucial figure in

the lineout, is doubtful for the

the Calcutta Cup game at Twickenham a week on Satur-

day after severely spraining his right ankle just before half-

Arthur Hastie, the Scotland

team manager, said: "Duncan

will be assessed again in the

next fortnight; but his chances

of playing in the remainder of

the championship must be regarded as doubtful."
Other casualties included Martin Leslie, who needed five stitches in a cheek wound.

Alan Tait (badly cut finger) and Kenny Logan, who

strained a knee and was unfit

to play for Wasps yesterday

against Bath. However, they

are all expected to play at

Hodge's injury could solve a selection dilemma for Scotland, allowing Townsend to retain his place, with either Tait or a fit-again Jamie Mayer at outside centre. For once,

Scotland have strength in depth from which to choose.

Stuart Grimes capably filled

Weir's place in the second row.

Every player in the 22 is good

enough to play internationals.

In previous years we only had

After only four months in

Scotland, John Leslie has

become an indispensable com-

ponent in the country's rugby

machine. Leslie was expected to fulfil a contract in Japan but is hopeful that negotiations

between the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) and its Japanese

counterpart will allow him to

"I really feel at home here."

14 or 15," Logan said.

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Confidence

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Five Nations Championship: France make unconvincing start to defence of their title

Gallant Ireland must regroup after cruel blow

NOW we will see if Ireland management can earn their corn. Within the next fortnight, they must find a way to restore life to a team shattered beyond belief by defeat in the opening match of the Five Nations Championship at Lansdowne Road on Saturday and particularly, revive the morale of David Humphreys, their talented fly half

Donal Lenihan and Warren Gatland must convince their squad that the Irish bubble has not burst, that defeat by a point does not undo so much good work nor unhinge the confidence that has welled up on the back of Ulster's drive to the European Cup.

That their next game in the Lloyds TSB championship is against dejected Wales, at Wembley on February 20, is a start, since they are the only senior rugby-playing country whom Ireland have beaten in the past four years.
The home dressing-room

was like a graveyard as the French, crowing like their own cockerels, made off with the spoils that fell into their hands only in the last minute of proper time. Yet their gesticulations also told of an Irish side whose discipline in the second half, faced with lashing wind and rain and a mounting French forward effort superbly led by Thomas Lievremont,

Lenihan will direct much of his criticism at Peter Clohessy and Trevor Brennan, the replacement for Victor Costello, who has damaged ribs; their lack of control at vital moments gave France a chink of light. That Ireland may point at Philippe Benetton, whose punch on a grounded Wood went not only unpunished but remarkably unrecognised by the match officials who selected Philippe Bernat-Salles as the culprit, is



suffered from his attentions earlier in the game.

rugby correspondent in Dublin

The management will also gnaw at the goalkicking of Humphreys, who missed four attempts, the last of which would have won the match. With two minutes of injury time played, Humphreys lined up a penalty across the wind, then watched in horror as a kick that started centrally was blown to the right of the posts.

It was always going to be a difficult week for Humphreys. have to come down from the emotional rollercoaster of the

MATCH DETAILS

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neither here nor there. Wood is no angel and opponents had normal (Australia).

European Cup final. Here he had to accept the responsibili-ty of tactical direction and goalkicking on a playing surface that is now among the poorest in the world and was robbed, within 15 minutes of the start, of Jonathan Bell, his ally in Bell left the field with a whip-lash injury to his neck, which allowed Rob Henderson the

chance to play his strongest game for his country. But the understanding between Hum-phreys, Bell and the absent openside flanker, Andy Ward, has been a critical element of Ulster's success and Ireland were cruelly denied it.

In reserve, Ireland have Eric Elwood and Simon Mason as potential pointsgatherers; they also have Niall Woods who has been on fire for London Irish. Were Woods given the chance to do for Ireland what Kenny Logan has done for Scotland, that would leave Humphreys to concentrate on the role of playmaker.

Elsewhere, Ireland achieved everything that could have been expected of them. Eric Miller enjoyed a mighty return to the international arena, yet the try they needed refused to come. Whatever frailties French clubs may have shown in Europe this season, there was none in their defence of the championship. Dion O'Cuinneagain came closest to the line from a tap to the front of the lineout, but Bernat-Salles and an utterly committed Richard Dourthe

heaved him into the corner. Ireland's front row had the ascendancy in the scrums, France being penalised three times for lowering and as good a prop as Christian Califano twisting himself inside out against Paul Wallace.

Califano did not reappear in the second half. Instead, Sylvain Marconnet emerged and



opposite number, could not. Had Humphreys landed a 30-metre kick just before the interval, Ireland would have carried a nine-point lead into the second half, but the final half-hour saw France gain territorial domination.

When Humphreys had a kick charged down, the French achieved the lineout from which a tapped penalty

ly over the line by his pack. Even so, the French runners could never find space and the box-kicking of Conor McGuin-ness helped to fend them off.

With two minutes remaining, a stupidly sustained tackle by Brennan on Philippe Carbonneau sounded the alarm. Thomas Castaignède, a less than commanding figure on the day, was not far wide with instantly added as much to the gave Dourthe possession and loose play as Clohessy, his the centre was rolled relentless- was overjoyed to receive a sec-

ond chance from 27 metres when Wallace was offside at a ruck. The little blond kicked the goal nervelessly, but Ireland responded with a wonderfully direct charge. The penalty was given against Franck Tournaire for preventing quick release but, for Humphreys, the good fortune that has attended so much of his season had run out.

Simon Barnes, page 33 · Aor 11. Wales v E

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talking about."

Humphreys left kicking himself as victory escapes John Hopkins on the perils of being a AVID HUMPHREYS of Ireland. There was not only wears a scrum cap. This Ulster's performance in the

is commonplace for a forward who shoves his head between the bony hips of a colleague or wants to avoid a series of thumpings from an opponent that will leave him with two cauliflower ears for the rest of his life. It is unusual, though, for a fly half. Perhaps we now know why.

Maybe the padding of the headgear helps to lift the weight of expectations that Humphreys had to bear against France. After all. Hum-phreys was his team's goalkicker. He was the man who was going to kick Ireland to victory over France. Why? Because the force and recent formbook had been going the way

European Cup, but also victories by Ireland's A and Under-21 teams over their French rivals on Friday. Most of Ireland thought that

Humphreys could do for the national team at Lansdowne Road on Saturday what he had done for Ulster in the European Cup final seven days earlier. Many of the thousands who walked through Dublin's cold, dank air probably thought that they could still bear faint echoes of the cheers that greeted Ulster's triumph on the same ground the previous week.

If it is a cliché that a week is a long time in politics, it is one in rugby as well. The day of the Eurogoalkicker and Ireland's selection policy

pean Cup final was mild and still with little wind. The morning of the match against France was overcast. cold and wet. Rain fell almost incessantly, light at first, in sheets later. Humphreys, whose tactical kicking had been precise for Ulster and who had launched some enormous garryowens, missed two penalties in the first seven minutes and, soon afterwards, kicked a ball straight into touch: Seven days earlier he had done very little wrong, now, for the opening minutes anyway, he could very little right.

One of the memories of this game is of a moment when Humphreys shaped to kick in midfield. Everyone in the 50,000 strong crowd assumed he was going to kick: so did the French players. But, in a classic display of fly-half intuition, he suddenly and electrically chose to run — darting athletically and speedily through a gap in the French defence. It was one of those instances that brings you to the edge of your seat. A couple of sliced kicks from hand apart. Humphreys

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did little wrong.

one at the very end, one that would have given Ireland a lead of 12-10,

and, it is fair to assume, victory. Pity the goalkicker. A hero when his kicks go over, he has to endure the sullen glance, at best, and public criticism, at worst, when they go wide. There are three good goalkicking fly halves available for ireland at present. Humphreys is the fourth. The implication is that it was risky for Ireland to go into this match without one of their best goalkickers.

"It's a fair point to make," Warren Gatling, the Ireland coach,

Yet a more lasting memory of him on Saturday is his kicking at goal. Having missed those two penalties early on, he then missed all week. It is disappointing." all week. It is disappointing."

Donal Lenihan, the Ireland team

manager, said the way that his team lost a game that they had looked like winning reminded him of their defeat by Australia in the 1991 World Cup.
He looked and sounded bitterly

disappointed. So too, did Gatling, who believes that Irisb rugby has progressed considerably in the past One of the cardinal rules of the

game, though, is that the goalkicker is the first name to be written down on a team sheet Ireland ignored that on Saturday and paid a befty



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Perfect appetisers for the main courses ahead

Irish have to do to win? They led for all but a minute of normal playing time, only to have a dubious penalty awarded against them. If Paul Wallace was offside, it must only have been by a foot - nothing compared to other indiscretions that went unpunished at Lansdowne Road. The valiant Irish could only stand and watch as all of their hard toil was undone by the boot of

Castaignède. They did have one chance to redeem themselves in the final minute through David Humphreys. But the penalty, in kickable range, was no "gim-mee" as the wind and rain, which had such an influence on the game, was against him. Sadly, Humphreys missed, but he should never have been put in this position by the Irish selectors, for he has not been kicking regularly for Ulster. Simon Mason has had that responsibility and performed almost without fault, but he is not in the team as Conor O'Shea has been in such

devastating form. Niall Woods should have played and been handed the goalkicking duties: His success rate this season in the Premiership is above 80 per cent and his inclusion would have kept the exceptional London

Irish back three of O'Shea. Woods and Bishop together. The Irish should take heart from their performance; the French, on the other hand, were a disappointment and seemed more intent on maim-



to win. I am not saying that the Irish are saints when it comes to intimidation - Peter Clohessy, a prime example, was spoken to constantly by

the referee. Phillippe Carbonneau, the France scrum half, must be the most annoying, unpleasant and niggly player in world rugby; he cannot walk past an opposition player without stepping on hands or pulling a jumper. Referees and touch judges must keep him under control before he causes a

There were other running bantles. Raphael Ibanez, the French captain and hooker. spent most of the match attempting to attack Keith Woods, his opposite number. The French need to concen-

nasty incident.

dling, even given the wet weather, was poor. They will also need to be more disciplined if they are to threaten

England. The Dublin match, enthralling in every old-fashioned aspect, was in complete contrast to that at Murrayfield, which was a celebration of wonderful rugby. It had everything. What the game showed was that the teams and coaches are not afraid of innovation and, as a result, we are watching increasingly entertaining and higher-quality matches. Wales overcomplicated mat-

ters. There were times when they just needed to settle, take some yardage and do the simple things first. Once they get things working they will be formidable. Neil Jenkins is turning into a class act at fly half, with everyone around him reading from the same page. They have plenty of ability to cope with a game-plan that requires people to operate with finesse and power and

under defensive pressure. But, from the first whistle, when a switched kick-off worked to perfection, to Scott Murray going over to seal victory. Scotland's was a superb performance. They did not have it all their own way. but the Scottish forwards drove relentlessly at the heart of the Welsh pack and splintered them. Scotland did not do anything too flash, and they tackled until the Welsh

could take no more. A marvellous start, then. Now what does this last Five Nations Championship have

Five Nations Championship: Injury to Hodge changes direction in favour of Scotland

Townsend makes the difference



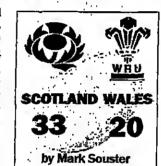
Flying start Jenkins, left, of Wales, is powerless to prevent Leslie diving over for a try for Scotland after only nine seconds, reputedly the fastest in the history of the Five Nations

MUCH has been written and said about Gregor Townsend, the great enigma of Scottish rugby, a player good enough to be the British Isles fly half two years ago but not, apparently, for Scotland, at least not this season. What is his best position? Does his very versatility count against him? He fought off the challenge

of Craig Chalmers only to find Duncan Hodge taking his place in the affections of the selectors. His detractors admit that he can change the course of a game in an instant, but point out an equal capability to have an incomprehensible moment of apparent madness. To do a "Toony" has entered into rugby's vernacular.

The unfortunate injury to Hodge early in the second half of the Lloyds TSB international provided him with an opportunity once more to stake his claim to a position in which he has won 19 of his 37 caps. Simmering he may have been at his initial selection, but he came to the boil nicely, his display surely settling the argu-ment, especially as Hodge will

not play again this season. Out of adversity and misiortune Scotland found almost instant salvation... It is not to say that they might not have



gone on to beat Wales, who led 13-8 at the time, had Hodge not been injured, but the switch to fly half and Alan Tait's introduction at outside centre brought a new balance and shape. With Kenny Logan proving an adept goalkicker, having Townsend in his favoured position does not now mean there must be compromises elsewhere to accommodate him. Graham Henry, the Wales

coach, led the plaudits for Townsend, whom he said had made a significant difference. "He had a big game. He has great vision," Henry said. John Rutherford, the Scotland backs' coach, said that Townsend "shaped the game pretty well in the second half. At the time, Scotland were

finding difficulty in creating MATCH DETAILS scoring opportunities, and Townsend's disenchantment

was apparent. In the first half, month, Tomeson (48), Tax (59), Murray (78), Commercione: Logan 2 Penalty goele: Hodge (38), Logan 2 (72, 80), Wales; Tries: Janes (35), Gabs (63), Conversiones; Jankos 2, Penalty goels; Jenkins 2 (7, 40) The had been caught out in defence by Allan Bateman and twice knocked on when trying to make things happen. Once he moved into the thick of the action, though, his and Scot-Within moments Townsend had scored a try that brought Scotland parity with Wales, who dominated tracts of the Nati, Edwards, T. J. Smith (Glesgow Caledonans), G.C. Bulloch (Glesgow Caledonans), A.P. Burnett (London Sconish fep D.I. Whitton, Bash, 72), S. Manney (Badlord), G.W. Well (Newcasile Falcons, rep.; S. B. Grimes, Glasgow Caledonians, 40), P. Walton (Newcasile Falcons, rep.; A. C. Pountney, Northampton, 58), M. D. Leelle (Edinburgh Revers, rep., A.C. Pountney, Northampton, 52-31), E.W. Peters (Bath) WALES: S.P. Howearth (Manchester Sale), M. F.O. Robbinson (Swansea), A. G. Batteman (Richmond), 1.S. Glabbs (Swensea), S. R. James (Cardill), N. R. Jemidins (Ponlychidd), R. Howest, Cardill, O.R. Mannet (Swansea), J. M. Homphreys (Cardill rep. B. Williams, Richmond, 56), C.A. Anthony (Swansea), J. Gough (Pomyondd, rep. M. J. Bandill, 1906). game but whose predictability proved easy to counter. It was

a seminal moment, one that Robert Howley the Wales captain, immediately regretted.

Wales won a penalty 40 metres out, but Howley tapped and ran - straight into trouble. Townsend anticipated Jenkins' pass to Quinnell and (Swensee), I Googh (Porsypnot), rep M J Yoyle , Lenell, 67), C P Wyalf (Llanell), C L Chervie (Swensee), M E Williages (Pon-typnot), L S Quiencell (Llanell) Referes: E F Mortison (England) set off on a 65-metre sprint to the line. Instead of 16-8 to Wales, Logan's conversion put

land's confidence grew.

Scotland in front.

Even when Wales conjured the final 12 minutes, they a try for Gibbs from a move scored another 18 points. that three times involved Chris Wyatt, to sneak ahead Townsend's burst took out two defenders, found Tait and the once more, Scotland never felt that they would lose. Their forlatter's clever angle took him wards, led by Eric Peters, conthrough Gibbs' tackle. The tinued to ruck and drive position had been created a through the middle, and their minute earlier when Murray domination was such that in stole a Wales line-out. Murray

scored the fourth and final try with a drive from close range after Ed Morrison, the referee, had missed a knock-on. Murray admitted that Scotland were angered by the patronis-ing dismissal of their chances by Wales. "Wales did not mention us, talking only of France and England." he said.

Scotland can now head to Twickenham with confidence enhanced by their first home victory in the Five Nations Championship for two years. They might not have beaten England since 1990, but this year they insist they will not suffer an inferiority complex. "Last time at Twickenham we did not have a game-plan," Townsend said. "England will be worried about us now."

Confidence is derived from Proudfoot. the tighthead anchor, will be fit for consideration, as should Gordon Simpson, the flank forward, and Bryan Redpath, from whom Armstrong assumed the cap-taincy. "Coming back from Australia, we needed three or four more players to make our team comparable with 1991 and 1995," Townsend said. "We have found these players. not just the Leslie hrothers.

but guys like Scott (Murray).

This is only a starting point."
Talking of starts. Scotand could not have hoped for a better one that that provided by John Leslie, who scored reputedly the fastest try in the history of the championship.
Hodge's kick-off tested the exposed Matthew Robinson,

who is on the top of his game.

who only had Shane Howarth in support. Leslie plucked the ball from Howarth's grasp and raced to score after only nine seconds, beating the previous record dating back to 1923, when Leo Price scored for Wales in ten seconds. Wales fought back and, with

Jenkins calling the shots at flyhalf, looked the more accomplished side. Even though they struggled in the line-out and scrummage, where their cal-low front five found life difficult, their midfield movement asked numerous questions of the Scots. Once they fell behind, though, they resorted to the ineffectual crash ball. "Scotland bear us up front,"

Henry said. "Generally they played better for most of the game. We have to vary the game a bit more." With the juggernaut packs

of England, Ireland and France around the corner, they will need to.

Defeat could ignite flames of victory

Gerald Davies believes that Wales can prosper, despite their latest loss

may benefit more from their encounter with Scotland than their opponents, who may be encouraged towards an exaggerated sense of optimism. Beyond the huoyancy of their immediate cetchration, how much confidence witt Scotland garner from a victory stemmed largely from Wales's innumerable mistakes?

This was the kind of inspired performance by the home team, energised by the label of underdogs, which can draw on unexpected reserves of resolve, rather than give a spur to higher levels of creativity. This was hinted at when Jim Telfer, the Scotland coach, who is as pragmatic and stern a disciplinarian as one can expect, said that the victory was owed to "the fifteen players who are all the

A collective effort in other words, where no one player could be recognised as a star performer. Another interpretanon might suggest that the performance left a great deal to be desired, but raises the question of whether they are capable of attaining more.

The problem for him and his colleagues is whether they will be good enough to com-bat the more formidable tasks that lie ahead when they will, in both scrum and lineout, be up against opposition who will be brawnier, more experienced and more streetwise.

Nothing in Wales's previous two encounters had led anyone to expect them to be so severely disjointed in these two phases. Their mistakes went a great deal towards helping give shape to Scot-land's efforts.

Two factors neatly conjoined to seal the fate of the visitors. Wales were distinctly uncomfortable in the lineout during the first half. In an age when the throwing in side can secure possession with predictable accuracy. Wales were struggling against the trend and found, by the end, that they had relinquished some half a dozen of their own balls. In Townsend, who moved

to fly half in the 46th minute, Scotland had the ideal man to exploit such a weakness. Knowing of Wales' uncertainty, he was not at all perturbed about kicking the ball out of play, seeing that his forwards had a better-than-even chance of regaining it at the resultant lineout. Tait's try, from the fly half's half-break, emerged

Leicester spoil the

t may appear perverse, hut Wales, in losing, after Wales had fashinned a brilliant try by Gihhs, which had suggested that Wales might not surrender their lead

> Events look such a turn that the ride turned irrevocably in Scotland's favour, to resulted in a scoreline that was hardly a reflection of the difference between the two teams.

Yet for all the insecurity of Wates - who commined more unforced errors in these 80 minutes than in both of their previous (wo internationats against South Africa and Argentina - they had been the far more creative team.

tn retreating back to Wales in a mood that is by now familiar to them, the team might ponder that, if they can eradicate these errors, much more can be expected of them.

Adminedly, there is only a modicum of comfort in this. Losing as Graham Henry. the Wales coach admitted, is



not very belpful in a tourna-ment. Whatever their perception is of the learning curve, it must now be foreshortened. This must have been a thoroughly frustrating afternoon for a New Zealander who expects his team to play efficiently, above all else.

His team gave away two soft tries - Leslie's, from the kick-off, and Townsend's. in the seventh minute of the second half. Henry might suggest to his captain, too, that if he is granted the opportunity of a kicking three points, he should take it. Had Howley done this, instead of taking a tap penalty. Wales might have extended their lead to eight points in the second half. which might have proved a useful cushion.

It is these ifs and buts that Wales have to eradicate if they are to recover their confidence. There had been so much of it before Saturday.

Low confidence betrays Sale

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mur-e- ahead

London Scottish.....23 By NICOLAS ANDREWS

DESPITE a club recordequalling losing run that now stretches to six league defeats, Sale have enjoyed a pretty good press of late. John Mitchell's promising young players have attracted praise for their style, if not yet their substance, and seven of them will be training with England and England A today and tomorrow.

They were awful, though,

on Saturday. They lacked penetration, chose the wrong options, repeatedly were turned over, kicked away possession and were penalised for a series of silly transgressions. Rees, Hanley, Mather, Greening, Beim, Bell and Pat Sanderson may be stars of the future but, on this occasion, alt

singularly failed to shine.
"We're lacking confidence." Mitchell, the Sale director of rugby, said. "One thing you can't coach is experience; you have to wait for the penny to drop. Some of the younger guys have a lot of ability, but they are learning the hard way. The arrival of Dawie Theron, the South Africa prop, who made his debut, should

That London Scottish are still playing first-division rugby is something of a relief and, lacking ten first-choice players because of injuries and international calls, they performed with commendable spirit. This was their first league victory at Heywood Road and completed a most satisfying double over their only rivals for thirdworst side in the division. These two teams may well

but this Scottish triumph was thoroughly deserved.

Jannie de Beer, inevitably. was the architect. Two success ful penalty kicks were followed by a third to the corner. where Mick Watson won the lineout and fed Paul Johnstone, who found Tom Davies. The London Scottish flanker had only just emerged from the sin bin when he scored the opening try.

A serious ankle injury to Steve Davidson at the end of Sale's most coherent move of the first half hardly helped their cause. Play was held up for seven minutes before the centre could be carried away to hospital. Sale did cut the deficit after

the interval, when Barrie-Jon Mather was first to the ball after Steve Cook had fumbled at the base of a London Scottish scrum and Pat Sanderson hacked on. But de Beer steadied the Scottish ship with a third penalty and then the former South Africa fly half

converted Guy Easterby's try.
"We had identified that we were at a crossroads," John Steele, the London Scottish director of rugby, said. "So that was a big, big win for us."

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Allied Dunbar Premiership

Grayson's boot lacks the weight of his convictions

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SO MUCH for cautionary rugby. All season, Northampton have been running penalties and winning. When paused to take them at Franklins Gardens on Saturday, they not only lost the game but further ground on Leicester at the top of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, for which the wayward Paul Grayson was a convenient scapegoat. Had one of his three penalty-goal

attempts in the last seven minutes found the target, Grayson would have been the saviour. The result should have been put beyond doubt in an eight-minute spell early in the second half, when Saracens had only thirteen players, yet they conceded just three points to the boot of Grayson in that time.

Saracens' indignation at the white cards shown to Penaud and Pienaar was one thing, their intransigence during that spell quite another. As he took his leave, a furious Penaud had

Results and tables...

to be restrained from repeating his retaliatory push at Blyth on Ashley Rowden, the touch judge.

It was not simply the wit and in-vention that Northampton lacked, hut overall stamina. Playing Metcalfe less than 24 hours after his Scotland A appearance was nonsensical. By comparison, Saracens emerged



Gavin Johnson, of Saracens, is tackled by Grant Seeley as he surges forward in search of the Northampton line at Franklins Gardens

Northampton now have five

Humiliation for Bath.

from a pressure-free January hris-tling with ideas and intent.

weeks to regroup before the makeor-break visit of Leicester on March 13. They will also need to forget that they could be two points, rather than four, behind the leaders. At 18-t0 in front entering the final quarter, silly errors overwhelmed them. Dawson had a fingers-and-thumbs afternoon opposite the highly focused Bracken. his heir-apparent as England scrum half, whose tapped penalty for Saracens' second try by Ravenscroft began the recovery. The directness and speed of Dan-

ties. These were papered over by Grayson's six penalties, yet were all too apparent as a full Saracens complement, with Pienaar outstanding. drew level and edged ahead when Johnson landed two penalties. Their ill-discipline would have undone them had Grayson got a little more weight behind his final penalty attempt in injury time; it scraped the underside of the crossbar. By

iel on the left wing for the opening

try had exposed Northampton's frail-

such margins, championships can be settled. "Play like that every week," a refieved but delighted Mark Evans, the Saracens director of coaching said, "and we'll have some sort of say in the title."

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party for Carling

By STEVE FLEMING

WILL CARLING stole the show with a brief walk-on part, but Leicester tightened their grip on the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division with an epic second-half performance at the Stoop Memorial Ground.

Age is not an issue, according to the 33-year-old former England captain, but fitness most definitely is at the highest level and Carling, at 13st 7lb, 2st lighter than on his last appearance for Harlequins in December 1997, dispelled some of the doubts on that score. Coming on as a substitute in the 75th minute for fellow centre Peter Mensah, Carling picked up the pace of the game immediately with a couple of trademark runs and some hard tackles. However, he is well aware of the need to continue improving his fitness.

He said: "t've got to put in a lot of work to get really fit, there's a lot to be done. I've got to prove to these guys here at the club that I can really do it and merit a place in the side."

Despite Carling's comeback and the return of David Pears, 31, who last played for Harlequins in November 1995, at fly half, it was Leicester who showed greater application and appetite, outscoring their hosts five tries to nane and racking up 24 points unanswered in the second period.

Pears, on loan from Wharfedale, of Jewson League One, did linle wrong but, once the Leicester forwards got into their stride, Harlequins were starved of quality possession. Martin Corry and Neil Back, the Leicester back-row forwards, proved relentless in gaining the hard yards and set up attack after attack.

Leicester now have a four-point lead at the top, but Dean Richards, their director of rugby, refuses to accept that the title is now a formality. John Gallagher, Harle-

quins director of rugby, was not so circumspect. He said: "I can't see anyone catching them now." As for Carling, he added: "Will didn't do anything wrong, hut he knows he has to earn his place here." Once he achieves that - and on the

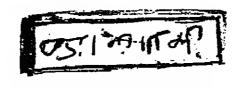
evidence of Saturday surely he will he may put himself in contention for a return to the England side. Carling claims that his international career is over, but the lure of Twickenham and the World Cup in October could prove too strong.

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Carling: concerned about level of fitness on return to action



RUGBY UNION

Robinson fury as Bath sink lower

By Mark Baldwin

NO RESULT this season has symbolised so graphically the decline and fall of the old Bath empire. For the first time in their proud history. Bath failed to score in a league fixture, and this was also their heaviest defeat in terms of points margin. It would have been even worse had Wasps not squandered five kicks.

This was a total embarrassment for the club, and I have told the players that," Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, said." I am embarrassed to be coach of Bath Rugby Club tonight. We were hicky to get nought. We were totally outmuscled and totally out-thought. We missed tackles and lacked any ability to keep the ball."

Robinson, however, did give credit to Wasps, who were ecstatic. Five tries decorated a Wasps performance that had everything - disciplined and hard-edged defence and a richness of attacking ideas that even included a couple of flamboyant dummies from Andy Reed, the veteran lock.

The majority of the 9,526 crowd relished every moment - especially the second bodyswerve by Reed, against his former club, during the build-up to the first of two tries

scored by Martyn Wood. Robinson, as a prelude to his dark mood afterwards, made his feelings plain at that stage by bringing on four replacements. It made no dif-

ference. Wasps, combining pace and power in every area of the field, scored twice more in the last quarter. Nigel Melville, the Wasps

to get back into the game, but Mike Tindall, the centre, cut

inside into a wall of defenders

when, going over the Wasps 22, he had three men and a

Scrivener set up the first try

by Wood by charging down a kick by Matt Perry, and anoth-er barnstorming interchange

of close-range passes up the right touchline led to a second

try for Wood, the scrum half.

By now, Gareth Rees, appearing after a five-month

spell on the sidelines, was on for King, but he could not

convert the final try from

A Reed (rep: S Shaw 65), L Deltaglio, P voi tey (rep. J Worsley, 62), P Schvener BATH: M Perry, I Belshaw, M Tindell (rep. Magge 50), J Guscott, A Adebayo, M Catt. (Cooper (rep: A Gomarsall, 50), K Yales, J Regan (rep. A Long, 50), V Ubogu (rep. J Mil Left 5th, M Haan (rep. B Shuriham, 65),

Trevor Leota, either.

clear overlap outside him.

director of rugby, said: "Bath are among equals now - they have to live the same as everyone else. I said to my players before the start to look at their faces and see who they recognised. And you don't know them all now - you're not intimidated by them any more.

"I'm obviously very pleased. especially as we had an entire back division out there which

Cardiff may take over an English club to avoid having to close down after their hopes of an Anglo-Welsh League were dashed, Gareth Davies, the club's chief executive, said.

is under 25 and English. which must be a first for the Premiership."

There was a gaping hole in the Bath defensive line when, off the back of a line-out, Peter Scrivener romped away to claim the first score of the afternoon. Alex King, given goalkicking responsibilities in the absence of Kenny Logan. who had been in action for Scotland 24 hours earlier, missed two early penalties before finding his range.

He also converted a try by Mark Weedon, who was on hand to pick up and dive over after Paul Volley had scythed through, and the fly half stretched the Wasps lead to 20-0 with a second penalty four minutes after the resumption. Bath had just one chance



Maier keeps his nerve in exhilarating run

HERMANN MAIER skied the best downhill of his short and remarkable career at the World Championships in Vail to take his second gold medal. Maier. 26, of Austria, who took the skiing world by storm two years ago with an attacking style that earned him the name 'The Hermannator", has had mixed success in downhill.

He has won at Bormio twice and Wengen once but, because he knows only one speed — flat out — he has had some dramatic exits, memorably at the last winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, when he flew off the course upside down. After skiing the super-giant slalom to the same one-hundredth of a second as his downhill rival, Lasse Kius, of Norway, who has won four races this season to Maier's one, would it be a Hermannator run or would memories of Nagano lead him to tackle the steep, icy course at Beaver Creek with

Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, of Norway, who has not had a downhill win since 1994; set FROM GRAHAM DUFFILL IN VAIL, COLORADO

the first real target, racing No 6. Kristian Ghedina, of Italy, was fast in training but cautious here, leaving the stage for Maier. No 8, to burst from the starting gate. He tucked in for the first, flat gliding section, got an excellent line through the steep Talon turn, where skiers have to turn hard oo ice with the slope dropping away from them.

Then the fireworks began. Maier burst through a series of six gates set tight like a super-giant slalom, shoul-dering aside the stiff plastic poles with his body, risking hooking a ski or knocking himself off balance. It looked impressive, the Hermannator at his best, and analysis of split times would show later that Maier woo the the race on the top third of the course.

Maier said he decided to charge the gates with his body because the poles were too stiff to hit with his hand. "It is always dangerous to attack so much, but I thought I could not make the same crash as at

Nagano. It was a great race for me and at the end I made one of the softest jumps I have ever done."

In comparison to Maier's charge, Kjus looked as if he was on a training run. The big Norwegian's style is deceptive, but the man who had decided that he needed only one training run, then was asking Aamodt, his teammate, for advice on which line to take, seemed to have given the race mentally to the Her-

Kjus, racing immediately after Maier, would have had no knowledge of his rival's time, but said: "I watched him on TV after the race and saw he skied like a crazy man, so I am not surprised he was so fast." With a headwind picking up strength, and snow beginning to fall, later competitors did not have a chance. Daron Rahives, of the United States, who fell, was among those critical of the decision to race in such conditions. "I just

couldn't see," he said. Andrew Fresbwater. Great Britain, racing No 33, finished 24th.



Brendan Venter, of London Irish, who probed constantly

Woods keeps Irish smiling

London Irish.

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

OVER the water, a wheel may have been removed from the Ireland bandwagon, but London Irish keep rolling along. At a bright, cold Sunbury yes terday, they crept back into the top three of the Allied Dunbar Premiership to set up an intriguing clash with Leicester next Saturday.

The gap between the two form teams remains six points, with the Exiles having played one game more, but their brand of rugby remains an intoxicating mix. At times, they resemble nothing more than a sevens team playing the extended game.

In the opening quarter, the finesse that has become the Irish trademark was absent, almost as though they were in brief mourning for the nation-al side: but with the wind behind them, they grew into their customary game, with Niall Woods making a signifi-cant contribution towards breaking the initial deadlock. The wing's dancing feet car-ried him into midfield for Ber-

ridge's first try. It is an important time for Woods, if he is to break back mto Ireland's first-choice side. "I'm happy that I'm playing well." he said. "If I was asked to kick too, it wouldn't affect me. That's just part of my game." That responsibility was shared with Jarrod Cumningham yesterday.

Richard Hill, the Gloucester director of rugby, made the point that the Irish squad, so replete with southern-hemisphere experience, is also more mature than most, with an average age of 28. With that in mind, Hill was pleased with the form shown by Ed Pearce, whose speed on the break

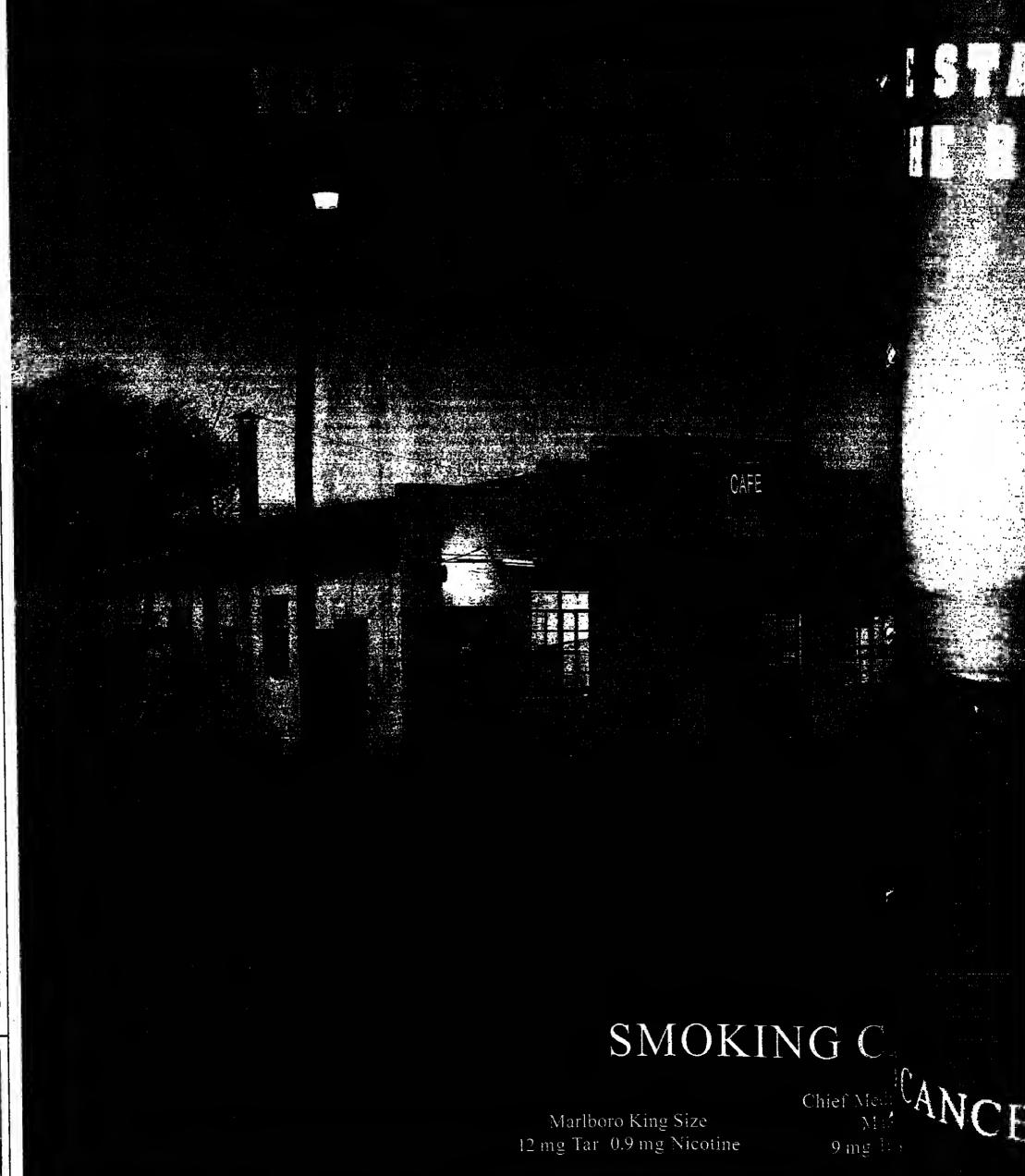
helped Saint-Andre to his try. The merit of Woods' try was that it came immediately after Carter had scored from a lineout to give Gloucester an illusory sniff of hope; two tries within five minutes pushed the Irish out to a 24-point lead, the first from Feaunati, the second from a tapped penalty on half-way. from which Berridge outstripped Mapletoft to the

corner.

Benton scurried to the line, but no one could deny the Irish the final word: Putt and Kirke surged through the midfield before Hatley, the prop. who has been invited to train today and tomorrow with the England A squad, loped delightedly to the line.

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Five Nations Rugby England v Scotland

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Youngsters shine at different game

THE popularity of basketball within schools is not the least reason for its standing as the fastest-growing indoor sport. Glorified on television and glamorised in fashion, the appeal is to the most impressionable. As evidenced in the final of the English Schools Association under-14 competition yesterday, in which Moulton completed a 53-48 victory over Greensward, standards are improving every year.

The competition had culminated in eight schools contesting the final rounds over the weekend at Greensward in Hockley, a spa town turned commuter stop on the hectic Liver-pool Street to Southend line. All 1,350 pupils who attend this granted-main-tained mixed comprehensive play basketball as part of the curriculum as well as outside school hours. Three girls, Vikki Willmore, Louise Gammon and Sarah Hopkins, have represented England at under-15 and

Indeed, the growth of the sport within schools, particularly the state sector, is remarkable. Tony Mescall, the organiser of this competition and the PE teacher at Greensward, never played basketball at all in his youth I am from South Wales, where rugby and football were the sports," he said - and Moulton, a mixed comprehensive of 1,200 pupils near Northampton, was better known for



nurturing Ian Salisbury, the England leg spinner. Neither of the finalists had won

this shield before. Greensward's most prominent former pupil is Martin Girvan, the hammer thrower who distinguished himself with silver medals at two Commonwealth Games.

"Increased television coverage has done a great deal for the sport and so has the clothing and fashion." Paul Smith, the Moulton coach, said. "Every American film has a basketball connotation these days. Girls have got the bug and keep playing, so the standard is twice as good as when we

started four years ago."
Football is still the most popular sport at Moulton - inevitably - and Northamptonshire send players to



Greensward School girls grapple with a student from Moulton School. centre, in the under-14 English schools basketball final

the school to coach cricket, but basketball, according to Smith "has dragged in a lot of kids who would not normally play sport. Two of their girls who took part in this final, Sophie Freeman and Andrea Wanstall, are in the England un-

der-15 souad. There are further benefits. The impressive new sports hall at Greensward, built last September through a £540,000 loan and marked out for

basketball on a semi-sprung floor, is

also used by the local community. "It

has cut down vandalism in Hockley,

David Triggs, the Greensward head teacher, said. When I arrived, I introduced the motto. To make our best bener. We fully embrace Tony Blair's views on education and want to become a community learning

centre. Anyone who says they are fed

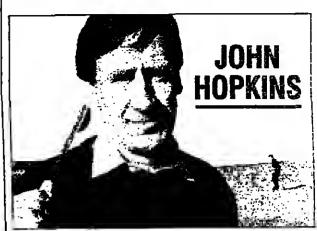
up with change in teaching is in the wrong job."

The significance of basketball to young people was also apparent from the fact that, in addition to Rochford Council, the sponsors included Nike. An England scout was also present. which was not surprising given that Greensward has teams of girls in the finals of the English Schools Associaoon under-15s, the semi-finals of the under-16s and the quarter-finals of the under-19s. And the boys can play

a bit, as well. Although Moulton looked likely winners throughout this final, Greensward always kept their lead within bounds. Freeman was a tall, dominant player, scoring 27 of Moulton's 53 points. The captain, Ellie Birch, also caught the eye. Her opposite number, Willmore, 13, who has already represented England at under-15 level, achieved scored no fewer than 29 of Greensward's 48 points. There were moves executed in the match which would not have been attempted in schools basketball

a few years ago. Willmore has been playing basketball for only two years, having started at school. "My father was in the British Olympic squad for diving in 1980 before having to drop out," she said. "But this is a sport that is new to my family. I am ambitious to continue playing after I leave Greensward."

Bonallack will be a hard act to follow



enry Longhurst always said that be had the best job in the world. "I am paid to do what I want to do, which is to write about golf," the distinguished correspondent used to marvel, peer-ing at his shoes through the bottom of a glass of gin.

But among those jobs that

could push Longhurst's close is that of the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. The incumbent of this office works a wedge shot away from one of the broadest beaches in Britain, used in the opening scenes of Chariots of Fire. The room in which he works is big enough to hold a bunker, a putting green and a pitching area as well. From this eyric overlooking the 1st and 18th boles of the Old Course, half the Kingdom of Fife is visible on a clear day and, from the binoculars mounted on the balcony outside his office, the secretary can identify the make of a ball in the Road Hole bunker and count the dimples, too.

Sir Michael Bonallack has beld this job since 1983. "It is nice to know a knight," David Fay, the executive director of the United States Golf Association (USGA), said when Bonallack was honoured last summer. "Michael has been the outstanding administrator in the game. Given what he has done as a British champion golfer and what be has contributed to the game, this is a most deserved bonour. It is very rare to find a champion turning into an administrator in such a seamless manner."

Now though. Bonallack is putting out on the 18th green of his career. He will be 65 on December 31 and a successor is being sought to work alongthe past few months. A Glasgow-based firm, Genesis Consulting, has drawn up a shortlist to be considered by a five-man selection committee drawn from among the R and A hierarchy.

The chairman of this com-

mittee is Ian Webb, a leading Ulster businessman, who is chairman of the general committee. The other four members are Gordon Jeffrey. a retired Liverpool lawyer who made his name by his skilful handling of the R and A's case during the dispute with Ping: Richard Cole-Hamilton, a former chief executive of the Clydesdale Bank and former chairman of Stakis Hotels, Dr David Marsh, a former Walker Cup player who is now a part-time occupational health physician on Merseyside, and Neil Crichton, a solicitor, and auditor of the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

These are the men who are planning for the day when, for the first time for nearly 50 years, the name Bonallack will not ring out in golf. You cannot go anywhere in the world without meeting someone who knows, has played with or against Bonallack or sat on a committee with him.

He has said that his swing resembles that of "a drunk shovelling coal" but he won five English Amateur and five British Amateur titles and

competed in nine Walker Cup teams, being the playing captain of the one that won at St Andrews in 1971.

Two weeks ago, he was playing in a pro-am tournament with Ernie Els at Siellenbosch, near Cape Town, Last week, he was in Kenya. He will be off to the US for the Players' Championship in March and will act as a referee at the Masters in April. Woe betide any player who thinks they can intimidate him into giving them a free drop

Seve Ballesteros did precisely this a few years ago when his ball ended in an iffy lie and he called for a ruling. The moment that Bonallack's buggy hove into sight, with Bonallack wearing a blazer, his bead covered by a baseball cap. Ballesteros probably knew he had no chance. He stated his case, Bonaliack, who has known the odd bad lie in his time. listened unimpressed and then said, correctly and curtly: "Play it."

The man who brought Michael Bonallack to St Andrews is Colin Maclaine, a



Bonallack: bowing out

retired dentist from Lythan St Annes, and one of few Britons who are members of Augusta National Madaine. a past captain of the R and A, has recounted the story of how he persuaded Bonallack to take the job when they were sharing a taxi.

There were 285 applicants and I whittled it down to 16. When we got down to the last four, they all went to be tested by an industrial psychologist. still have the report on Michael somewhere. I remember the chap said that we should not be put off by his laid-back manner. He said that Michael would open his eyes wide enough 10 solve the problem in front of him and then go back to sleep again."

Applicants to succeed him include former international players, administrators and businessmen who play golf. It had been thought that the R and A might take this opportunity to make a root and branch change, but after a review three years ago this is

"The R and A is a highly effi cient, tightly run organisation and that is good," Frank Hannigan, Fay's predecessor at the USGA, said. The R and A has a staff of what, 30? I think it is wonderful. If Michael has been responsible for curbing the growth of bureaucracy.

Langer's clanger gives Long title

BERNHARD LANGER, of Zealand, second on eight Germany, had a triple bogey at the last hole to hand the Greg Norman International to Michael Long. of New Zealand, at The Lakes in Sydney yesterday.

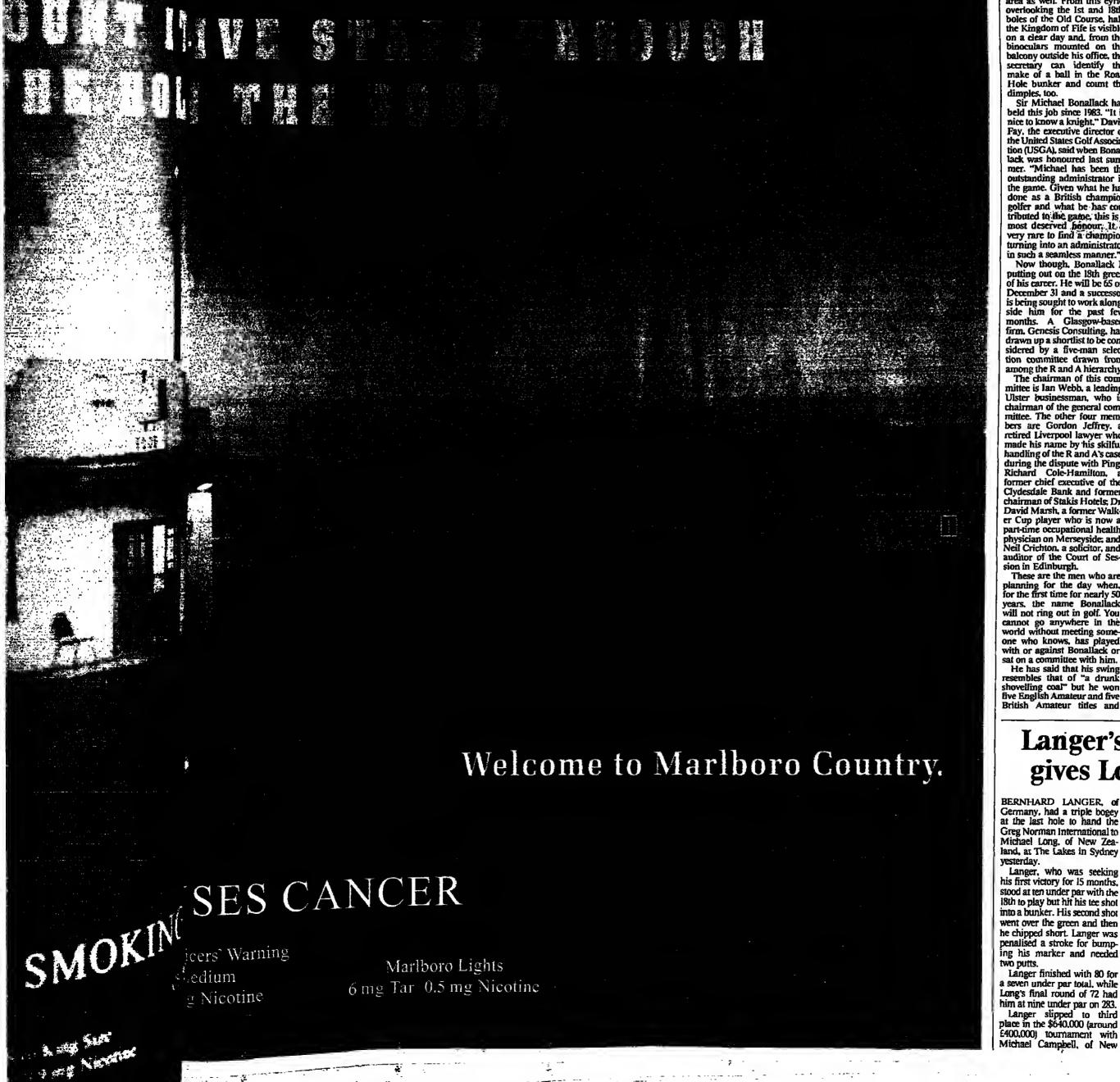
Langer, who was seeking his first victory for 15 months. stood at ten under par with the 8th to play but hit his tee shot into a bunker. His second shot went over the green and then he chipped short. Langer was penalised a stroke for bumping his marker and needed two putts.

Langer finished with 80 for

a seven under par total, while Long's final round of 72 had him at nine under par on 283. Langer slipped to third place in the \$640,000 (around £400,000) tournament with under par. Long had started the day in fifth place, six shots behind Langer.

In the Malaysian Open, Padraig Harrington, of Ireland, missed a two-foot putt in Kuala Lumpur that cost him more than \$17,500 (around £11,000). Rather than finishing in joint second place with Alex Cejka, of Germany, and Bob May, of the United States, Harrington was in a five-way tie for fourth and instead of earning \$33,981 (around £21,000), he collected \$16,434 (£10,000). Gerry Norquist, of the US, won the event.

"A spectator clicked a camera as I putted, but it's my fault for hearing it," he said "I'm just disgusted. I lost concentration. It was harder to miss it than hole it.".



Florida Pearl has world as his oyster

RACING CORRESPONDENT. AT LEOPARDSTOWN

AN ADVERTISEMENT for the Samaritans, offering a 24 hours a day service for people in crisis, was ragged ominously onto the Leopardstown race-card published in a Dublin newspaper yesterday. As events turned out, with Ireland's best Cheltenham Festival hopes completing a successful dress rehearsal, it might have been bener placed along-side the report detailing the naoon's latest rugby woes.

Indeed, far from feeling des perate, upwards of 20,000 irish racegoers left here with

BIG-RACE DETAILS

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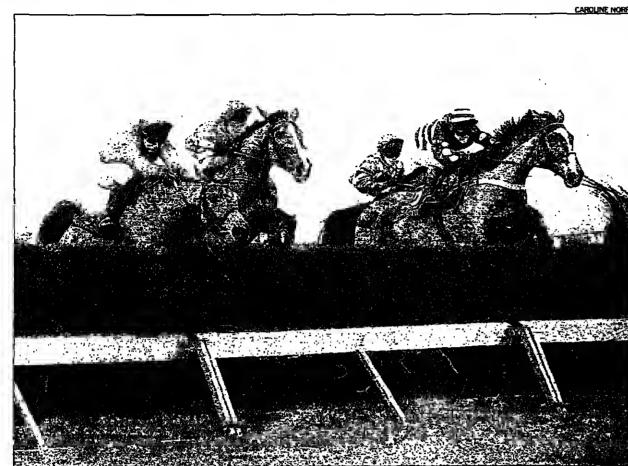
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their heads held high after seeing four odds-on favourities ohlige, dreaming of what might be next month at Presibury Park

The continuing revival in trish fortunes at National Hunt's premier meeting is tak-en for granted. More important, what now is on offer is the prospect of another genuine star in the shape of Florida Pearl, who has the opportunity to join the list of Festival legends, headed by Arkle.

After his unexpected fall from grace on his seasonal reappearance here over Christmas, the confidence in the Willie Mullins-trained sevenvear-old remained intact vesierday, as he was sent off 15-8 on favourite for the Hennessy



Florida Pearl, second left, tracks Boss Doyle and Escartefique, right, before winning at Leopardstown yesterday

Cognac Gold Cup. Backers hardly had a nervous moment as he jumped with confidence and made only one minor er-

ror, four fences from home. Richard Dunwoody, who had anchored Florida Pearl towards the rear of the field until that small blip, then allowed him to stride up towards the leaders and jump the third last in front. Travelling sweetly in the lead, he looked likely to run away from his rivals, but Escartefigue battled on gamely under a hard ride from Rich-

ard Johnson - which earned him a three-day riding ban for whip abuse — to finish only two lengths adrift at the line.

Teeton Mill bear David Nichoison's runner by six lengths in the King George VI Chase at Kempton, but Flori-da Pearl's style of racing al-most certainly means he is never going to win by a big distance. Yesterday's winning margin does not do him justice and a stronger gallop at Chel-The smile on the face of Dunwoody as fellow jockeys congratulated him suggested he knows another Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup is his for the taking - and that is a view shared by the layers. The spon-sor makes him 5-2 favourite,

while Coral is shortest at 9-4. The way Florida Pearl idled in front prompted some doubt as to whether he will truly stay the extended 34-mile trip at Cheltenham, but Mullins has no fears on that score, "Don't forget when he first ran at Cheltenham two years ago we

CHELTENHAM seems cer-

after the six-year-old was bear-

en in the men's open as Wade-

bridge on Saturday.
Sorrel Hill (7-4), who won by 20 lengths, inflicted the de-

feat as rider Les Jellord en-

but my own view is that we won't be going to Chelten-ham." Barber said. "He didn't

act on the track and pulled for

his head all the way. We had

to be at our best to beat Sorrel

were not sure whether to run him in the four-mile chase or

the bumper." Florida Pearl's win capped an impressive day for Festivalbound runners, which went uncannily to script. Knife Edge maintained his unbeaten record over timber when landing a slowly-run Spring Juvenile Hurdle and is generally 10-1 third favourite for the Triumph. "He will be a better horse in a truly-run race and whatever passes him up the hill at Cheltenham will win

Moving Earth grounded

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

cough and we were forced to

night. Now, I'd prefer to go the

Meanwhile, Jefford found

himself joint-top of the men's championship on Saturday

evening after his treble took

him level with Ben Pollock

and Paul Hacking. Jefford

also won on Tasmin Tyrant

(4-6) and River Ferdinand (3-1)

all three winners are

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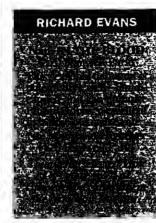
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cious talents of Moving Earth other year - he has had a

the Triumph," Michael O'Br ien, trainer of the 6-4 on favourite said.

Alexander Banquet, winner of the Cheltenham bumper last season, showed admirable battling qualities to maintain his unbeaten record in the Deloitte and Touche Novice Hurdle, although his hurdling was far from foot-perfect. Willie Mullins's runner is 5-1 second favourite behind Barton for the Royal & SunAlliance Hurdle.

However, the most impresrive display was produced by Nick Dundee, who is now as short as 7-4 for the Royal & SunAlliance Chase — and only 12-1 for next year's Chelten-



ham Gold Cup — after a faultless round of jumping in the Dr P. J. Moriarty Novice Chase, "He is the best novice chaser I have ever had," Edward O'Grady, winner of 15

Festival races, said. The victory of Limestone Lad under a big weight in a competitive handicap served to underline the Stayers' Hurdle credentials of Le Coudray, who hammered yesterday's winner by 20 lengths recently. At around 5-1 for Cheltenham, the L P. McManus-owned hurdler looks a solid bet.

Paul Hacking landed a dou-

ble at the Mid-Surrey Farm

Primitive King (2-1) and Sunc-zech (4-6). Hacking, who

works as assistant trainer to

Gardie Grissell, finished

alone in the intermediate on

Primitive King. Only three ran

and the odds-on favourite, Log-

ical Step, ran out at the fourth-

last when upsides the winner.

Hacking then gave highlystrung Sunczech, trained by Grissell's wife, Di. an exempla-

ry ride in the closing maiden

race. Sunczech barely stays three miles and Hacking held

her up in midfield before mov-

ing to the lead on the final cir-

cuit. Tom Hills won the men's

ride on Cracking Idea (3-1) in

FORTWELL PARK

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KING OF THEVES goes especially well here and can gain his third track-end-trip success of the campaign

4.20 BOGNOR REGIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,981: 3m 2f f 10yd) (13 runners)

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Long handicap: Melton Made 8-13, Granby Bell 9-7, Fabelous Micro 8-12.

SOUTHWELL

1.30 Titta Ruffo. 2.00 Mutahadeth. 2.30 Locomotion, 3.00 Godmersham Park, 3.30 King Priam. 4.00 Grand Chapeau. 4.30 Far Cry.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.30 MACKENZIE HANDICAP (Div I: £1,945, 7l) (13 renders)

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3.30 AMAZON HANDICAP

(£3,009: 1m 3f) (15)

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do a month's work in a fort- ers' Draghounds meeting on

1 0-41 DBCK TURPIN 14 (CD) 8 Smart 5-10-0
2 2324 NING PRIAM 5 (B.BF.G) M Polglass 4-9-12
3 1511 COPPER SHELL 10 (CD) Mrs (Jamel 5-9-9 . R Cochrane 11
4 140- DOMANO FLYER 89J (C.G.S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-6 M Day 10
5 64-1 MAGICAL SHOT 10 D Carroll 4-9-6 R FitzPatrick (5) 14
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8 30-0 DONNA'S DOUBLE 28 (G,5) D Easy 4-8-8
9 4-50 ALDWYCH ARROW 14 (F.S) M A Buckey 4-8-7 A Cultisine 3
10 .00- NEEN COMPANION 59 T Naughton 6-8-5 T Sprake 1
11 000- ALMOHAD 40 (S) Dr J Scargill 4-8-1
12 0-00 COUNSEL 2 (B) D Charmes 4-7-10 P Fessey 5
13 000- SECOND TERM 41J W Slovey 4-7-10 1. Charnock B
14 /6-0 RACING TELEGRAPH 37 (G) M Britain 9-7-10 G Bardwell 4
15 3000 LIGHTHAING REBEL 10 P Haid 5-7-10 Joanna, Badger (7) 8
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4.00 RIO GRANDE SELLING STAKES (£1,839: 6f) (10)

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2-1 Grans Chappeau, 4-1 Evenny, 5-1 for Age, 6-1 Bolic Anstockal, Rock Island Line, 16-1 Fast Franc, Marx Respectful, 20-1 others.

4.30 NILE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2.132: 2m) (10)

4-1 Sudest, 9-2 Fer Cry. 5-1 Vincent, 11-2 Paradice Navy. 6-1 Poker School, 8-1 Whiley Gronge Boy, Major's Law. 10-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

FORTWELL PARK Trainers: P Aucholis, 28 witness from 53 strates.
43 1%, Arts V Williams, 6 from 19, 31 6%, M Page, 26 from 101, 25.7%, R Buckler 18 from 72 20.7%, M Wilsen, 3 from 11, 23.1%, R Dicklin 6 from 22, 22.2%, Auchorys, X Artsun, 4 winners from 9 rice; 4.4%, A McCoy, 37 from 143, 25.9%, F J Mayuriy, 15 from 59, 25.4%, G Segpte, 5 from 20, 5 0%, G Segdte, 9 from 20, 23.1%, W Wilsenston, 10 from 52, 19.2%, P froe, 22 from 116, 19.6%, G Mayuriy, 15 or 43, 16.3%, 8 Chiffren, 3 from 19, 15.6%, M Fargestid, 9 from 63, 11.3%.

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Long handlard: Searcea Gold 9-13. Little Rowley 9-12. Fester Gold 9-7. Another Chance 9-6 BETTRIG. 5-2 Rollies Roesler, 11-4 Moortand Highthye, 6-1 Parade Room, 13-2 Hi Hedley, 12-1 others

1998: LLIV-JJ-FRANK 9-11-10 A P McCov (13-6 if few) M Pipe 10 nm

1998: LIM-U-Historic 9-11-10 A P ACCOY (13-6 if Rer) M Pipe 10 ran

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MOORLAND HIGHFLYER stuck to his tack well in wenning lact time and should go well again

4.50 LEVY BOARO STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,452. 2m 2f 110yd) (14 tunners)



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NEWCASTLE

2.10 Gaelic Blue. 2.40 Mithraic. 3.10 Master Nova. 3.40 Smiddy Lad. 4.10 Dan De Man. 4.40

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.10 GOSFORTH DECORATING AND BUILDING SERVICES HANOICAP CHASE (£3,908: 3m) (7 runners)

1 P12P PUREVALUE 53 (8F.CD.F.6.5) M W Escenty 8-11-12
2 13PF GARLIC BLUE 53 (8F.CD.F.6.5) M W Escenty 8-11-12
2 13PF GARLIC BLUE 53 (6.5) Ms S Screity 9-11-2
3 6P00 BAYLINE STAR 16 (5) Mcs 5 Bards 9-10-6
Gary Lydric F133
4 F001 BLAZING DAWN 17 (6.76.5) J Hadbuck 12-10-3 B Sizrey 174
5 0P54 MAYBE O'ERADY 53 (CD.F.6.5) W Currenglam 10-10-0
N Smith 101
6 -PFP SHRING FOUNTAIN 63 (D.G.5) D M Forcer 10-10-0
R McGraty
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7 4040 HEAVENLY CITIZEN 17 (D.F.5) J Gledon 11-10-0
K Johnson 116

1-1 Purestive 5-2 Gaetic Blue 4-1 Blumg Deam, 6-1 Maybe 0 Grady 12-1 Bayline Skir 16-1 Shoring Foundation, Heavenly Critical

2.40 KIDD & SPOOR HARPER CONDITIONALS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.574: 2m) (10)

5-3 gm Mag. at 17-3 Geld by 14-1 Great Breat, 6-1 Western Sensor Libert 1841 1842 in 8-2 Geld Sensor 18-1 Street

3.10 STEPHEN EASTEN NOVICES CHASE

(£3 323 3m) (6) (2.5 3.5.5 3.1) (6)

1. 2521 GASTLEFOWN CDUIRT 16 (D.G.S.) M.W. Easterby 7-11-10

2. PTF MOUSE CAPTAIN 65 (BF D.G.S.) J.FacGobie 10-11-10

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3. STALEMASTER NOVA 21 (B CD.S.) Micr. J.A. Carredon 9-11-10

4. SELTM A BARGAUT 55 11 Propert 7-11-4

5. PSP6 DUDGALL CROSSETT 25 5 Come 14-11-4

6. Gary Lond. 57

6. 4U30 THE UTHER MAN 10 Micr. U. Salgan 9-11-4

T. Saldan (5) 62

5-4 House Copins (2-11m A Burgan 4 1 Master Nova, 2-2 Cophesion Cores, 20-1 The Core, 1741-1761 Course Copins Sandown Park Uttoxeter

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Going: got 3: 1.29 Gm. 11 year der: 1 Zapateado (f. Leuserin 251 2 Momes Help (100-90) 3 Temmy Carson (11.2) Proc Beat (14n) 15-2 24 6 can 41 a. 17 Tenton Carson 100 1795 (2010) 21 ab 21 70 DF 216-40 CSF 1988 52:50 On 25:50 Car \$1:54 2.30 (3:56) fictor 1 Door To Door 1G Brad-ter, 7-2 (4:39) 2 Respond Read (9-2) 3 En-grissors Magno Convert 401 7-2 (4:45) 13 14. 41 9 5 Sherwood 1046 64 49 £1 70 \$2.39 \$2.80 OF \$2.10 CSF \$17.96

22 or 23 to 0 for 240 CSF 241 or 25 cSF 241 10 yd chi 1 Hoft Express (J 25 cSF 241 11 San 2 1b Repeat (J-1) 3 San Aleman (16-1) 9 can MR Kwakka 21 70 E2 10 SF 25 20 CSF 210 80 21 70 E2 10 SF 25 20 CSF 210 80 2.76 to 10 to 10 to 20 CSF £10.80 2.35 (2m 110) d ch | Tever Remark iT J 13.05), 5-11 2. Nathen Leg (12-1, 3. king Luster IT-2. Torod it access (4m) 9-41ar 6 car 9: 6: 1 Oct 10 no 66.20 to 30 52.80 DF 127.30 CSF 147.52 United 34 General States 10 Gallagher, 8-12 Just No. (14-1) 3 Mercey Mard 115-2 Mercey Mard 115-2 Mercey Mard 115-2 Mercey 115-10 Center 116-2 Mercey 115-10 Center 116-2 Mercey 115-10 Center 116-2 Mercey 115-10 Center 116-2 Mercey 115-2 Me

4.40 2m 110,00 to 624 21 4.40 2m 110,00 to 63 1 Midnight Legend p. Johnson 6-4 fair 2 Middle Se-dect 19-4, 3 Jurust 17-2 5 ran Shind 6 D Na-crotian Tore 52 40 £1 50, £1 30 DF 52 90 CSF 55 56 Jackpot: not won (pool of £24,016.65 carried forward to Fontwell Park today).

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8 426 WYNYARO UADY 21 (F.C. o) Russ II Skidal 10-10-10 97 0 25P4 LEAP IN THE DARK 9 (D.F.S.) Mrss L Skidal 10-10-10 57 10 4-FP SMODOY LAD 7 R Studies 8-10-7 95 Study 467-11 050 KEND SABO 94 (C.G.) 4 Minitiate 7-10-6 C McCommack (G) 55 12 1530 JACK FLUSH 3 (B) B Rothrell 5-10-4 R Supplie 32 13 -PP4 DOCKMASTER 90 (V.C.G.S.) Mrss Y Affilian 2-10-3 B Darack 113

14 1F22 STRAFFAN GOLD 44 (B.Bf.S) Mrs M Revery 5-10-0 Mr A Dempsey (3) 100
15 0F-P FUTURES TRADER 91 M Homond 6-10-0 ... D Bendey 48
16 0600 REBEL KUNG 74 (D.F.G) M Barnes 9-10-0 ... S Taylor 42 joyed an afternoon of treble de-light. Moving Earth finished second and still needs to win 7-2 Statian Gold 11-2 Pontevedra, 6-1 Golden Thunderbolt, 7-1 Wymard Lady 8-1 Five Flags, Swandale Plyer 10-1 Jack Plush, 12-1 others. two open races before the end of the month to qualify for the 4.10 TOWN & COUNTRY BARS NOVICES CHASE Festival. His trainer. Richard Barber, admitted yesterday that the defeat had effectively ended the challenge. "I haven't spoken to the horse's owner (Roger Penny).

(£3,241: 2m 110yd) (7)

3.40 NORTHERN IMAGE HANDICAP HUROLE

(£2,460, 2m 4f) (16)

10-11 Dan Da Man. 9-4 Fits De Cresson, 7-1 Fryup Satellite. Storm Call. 20-1 Clares-ing 50-1 Sat Fosso, Northern Flack.

4.40 NORTHERN RACING NATIONAL HUNT NOV-ICES HUROLE (\$2,871 2m) (13)

O- NORTH MOSS 322 M Sames 6-11-4 S Taylor 10-400 STRONG SPRAY 82 Ms S Small 6-11-4 S Durack 11-0-9 WRANGEL 41 | Fitglerald 5-11-4 S Durack 20-400 STRONG SPRAY 82 Ms S Small 6-11-4 S Durack 11-0-9 WRANGEL 41 | Fitglerald 5-11-4 S Parting 20-40-400 PRESSURE 340 W Comengiam 7-19-13

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5-2 Grevalne Shant, 13-4 Cuchedann, 6-1 Nochmannium, 9-1 Gez Gusningham (0-) Sex-em, Targer, (4-) Cabbrezia Carett Dance, 16-1 offers

BUNKEREO REST TIME: Fortraell Paris 3.02 Ped River Mesicastle: 3.10 Max-ter Nova, 3.40 Decimater Livro Southwell, 1.30 Lake Ava, 3.30 Courtell

Lingfield Park **12.45 I. Shore Party** (25-1) 2 Seption Green 19-11 **3** Ardent Scout (29-1) Annie **8**uczero 7-2 (av. **9** ran 1.10 1. Katie's Cracker (7-2), 2. Modest Hope (10-1), 3. Afts Couner (2-1 tas), 10 ran 1.40 1, Magais Arrow (5-1), 2, Rocella 25-1), 3 Nadisha (2-1) p-lav), Bruff Stream 2-1 p-lav 1,2 ran 2.15 1 Muhandis (13-8 lav), 2, Sr. Waller (9-4), 3, Keepsake (5-1), 8 ran, NR, The Sili-Thol 1.15), Kates Charm (3-2 fav) 2 Ebyllioni Egymane (3-1) 3 Galayti Moss (70-1) 11 ran (18: 4500 Hom. ran 188 4500 Morn 1.451 Him Of Preise (12-1), 2 Fedding The Facts (11-41₂₎, 3 Forest (Jony (5-1), 9 ran 2.201 Tremailt (9-41₂₎, 2 Scrahan Cross (5-2), 3 Rosander (9-1), 6 ran

2.50 1 Bucker Palace (3-1) 2 Lacy or Got-mercon (11-4 fox) 3. Scewart 2 Page (11-2) 3 ran IMB Roses, Box 3.20 1 Hormuz (7-2) 2. Azhaam (25-1), 3. Azhaam (25-1), 3. Azhaam (25-1) binocin Doan 2-1 lav 3.25 1 Avest Jeannine (7-2 pilov) 2. Hurst Phyr (7-2 pilov) 3 Mrsy Pernyhell (9-1) 8 (an NA Pearls Ceoce 3.55 1 Ricardo (10-1) 2 Carma (4-1) 2 Enn Aley (86-11 Approvance 7-4 (a) 14 (an NA Walst Moving Anna 3.50 | Welville (14-1) 2 Topich (9-2) 3 Vasan (14-1) Hyde Park 5-2 pilati 8 (2) 4.25 1. Roisin Splendous (5-11 2 Fccd Test (9-2) 3. Murmoon (4-1 lar.) 11 ran

Wolverhampton Wetherby 7.00 1. Premier Dance (11-44a), 2. Baps-taid (7-1), 3, Two On The Bodgs (12-1), 11 1.20 1 Birkdale 17-4 last 2 For Cythal (5-1), 3 Cool Spring (9-2), 5 ran ran:
7.25 1 Militar's Star (11-2) 2 Fonguida
off (10-3) 2 Caemarion Bay (11-4 fax) 9
ran NR Bary Box Purvoe
7.50 1, Krystal Mittr (7-2), 2 Samivas (3-1),
3 Remylytothe (50-1) Pinte of Brotch 2-1
fax 7 ran 1.50 1, Niki Dec (6-5 ta.) 2 Banker Count (11-8), 3, Royal Sometar (3-1), 8 rain 2.25) The Brewmaster (9-2 (a)) 3 Once More For Lock (7-2) 3 Sportne (4-1) 5 ran 2.55 1 Konvekta King (9.2) 2 Compran Challenge (6.41a) 3 Cologic Choi (2.1)

50 / 7an 8.15 1 Royal Cascado (5-1) 2 Mukanab (7-2 fa.1 3 Urshaken (5-1) 10 ran 8.45 1 Naked Cast (6-1) 2 The Last (Nord (14-1), 5 Scarlet Scaptre (6-5 fav. 10 ran 9.15 1 Manifeno (4-6 fam. 2 Internous (15-5) 3, Formidable Frame (25-1) 7 ram

2.45 1, Shabassh (9-4), 2, Ped venus 15-4 lavi, 2, Misprini (9-1), 8 ran

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

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APPEN 15-1 Trace of Stepte Land, And See 14-1 offers 2.30 MISSOURI MEDIAN AUCTION MAJOEN

(62 840, 1m), /3)

7-7 Geometrian Faik, 5-1 Sub 19, You or Stam 3-7 Stap Study, 7-1 Sautega Rail 10-1 Object 6 Soor 10-7 Fox 3-7 State 10-8

Mark Sharon makes tracks for the Manchester Velodrome, where cycling can be an uphill task



not have weather, it suffers it. That is why the Manchester Velodrome has a roof. It prevents the sort of downpour that soaked me when I arrived for my first session, from turning the world's fastest cycle track into

a swimming pool.

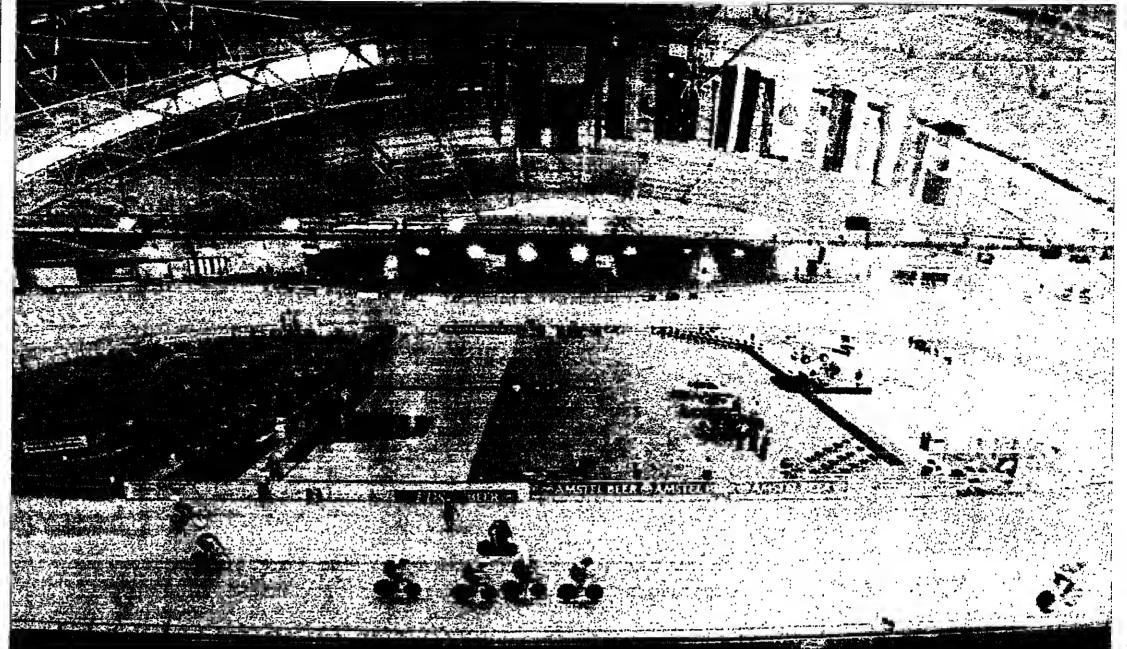
As roofs go, the Velodrome's actually is quite beautiful. From the outside, its great curved profile sits like the shell of an enormous metallic turtle but as I approached, I realised that it was really an altar on which I could be about to sacrifice my dignity - or worse.
Inside, it is cavernous.

Certainly television can never do justice to the 250-metre sweep of track. I expected something like the "wall of death", but actually it is shaped like the brim of a Stetson with the narrow ends turned up.

It is the angle of the banking that takes your breath away. From the bottom, the slope rears above you, 42 degrees of rubber-streaked Siberian pine at its steepest, dropping to 121/2 degrees along the sides. The surface is too smooth to be able to climb to the top unless you have crampons. It is one of the world's newest and finest track venues and, since it opened in 1994, the Velodrome has seen a number of high-profile records tumble.

Track cycling is the purest form of the sport, but always has been a remote world, populated by people with enormous thighs. I could have gone easily to my grave never having ridden the track, but for an invitation to Manchester from Tim Lawson, director of Science in Sport (SIS), the sports nutrition

manufacturer. "Many top cyclists and sports journalists have never even seen a track, so we want to get them down for some lessons with the professionals and then have a few races to get a real flavour for it," Lawson said. I was booking my train ticket almost before be



The track at the cavernous Manchester Velodrome, which opened in 1994, rises above the cyclists at a frightening angle, but it is one of the best venues and a setting for Boardman's world hour record two years later

Learning to make the gradient

beers and curry to follow. SIS has sponsored many of Britain's top cyclists, on and off the track, for several years, including mountain bikers. BMX-ers and those maniacs, the downhillers. Their most famous rider, though, is Chris Boardman; who has had some of his greatest rides at Manchester, including his: 1996 world hour record °56.375km.

About 100 of us had accepthad finished the bit about ed the invitation. At the track-

side, we were placed in the hands of Gary Bamber, who introduced us to the tool of the

trade — the bike.

A track bike is a thing of engineering beauty. Perfectly proportioned, seemingly frag-ite but utterly impractical for everyday use, they can be costly, too. The likes of Boardman ride things that cost the same as a motorbike, but by weighing 16lb or less actually are worth, pound for pound, more than a Ferrari. Yet it still has

By RAYMOND KEENE

With the annual Varsity

match between the teams from

Oxford and Cambridge due

on Saturday, March 6, at the

RAC in London, moves are

afoot to recognise chess at Ox-

ford in the same way that Cam-bridge University already

does. For many years, Cambridge has awarded half blue

recognition to their chess

tearn. However, their chess-

playing colleagues at Oxford

have not yet been similarly

Tomorrow Oxford will ap-

ply to the Oxford Blues Com-

mittee for half-blue recogni-

tion in the Oxford-Cambridge

A ten-game match between

Britain's top ranked grand-master Michael Adams and

the leading US grandmaster Yasser Seirawan has ended in

a 5-5 tie. Today I give one victo-

ry by Adams and the full cross-

By Raymond Keene

White: Yasser Seirawan

Black: Michael Adams

Mermaid Beach Club

table of results.

Bermuda 1999

honoured.

Oxford application

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

only a single fixed gear and no brakes. I must have been wide enough for the ambu-

You can pretend that you are within the bounds of normality up to the second that you leave the safety of the handrail. You are sitting on a saddle, holding onto handlebars and your feet are in pedals. Then, as soon as you push away, all that familiarity is gone. I can only liken it to that first time on skis.

Around the inside of the

Nimzo-Indian Defence

0-0 Bxc3+

Rfc8 h6 Qe8 Nh5

b5 White resigns

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wide enough for the ambulance that we hope we do not need. We ambled around it for our first few laps as we got used to the bike, before Gary urged us to get onto the track. That meant a lot more speed. My first few attempts to get onto the banking must have looked pathetic. I seemed to have forgonen how to turn the handlebars to the right. Then suddenly I was up. It was barely two feet up the track, but 1 felt really proud of myself -

until I hit the first turn. My first ski instructor was an Austrian called Eric, who would cry: "Lean out, no lean back," as he encouraged us to commit to the slope. I found myself desperately needing him again as my mind battled with the concept of leaning over when the banking was already angled precipitously.

Soon, though, you come to relish the lurch to the left as you whip around the corner. If you are going fast enough it is almost impossible to fall off. unless, of course, you hit something, or someone.

fter several kilometres. I was ready for a break, so I sought out Boardman in the fitness suite below the track. I asked him if we were going to see him up on the boards, even for the fun of it. I could see him digest the word "fun" before replying: "I don't think so. It's a bit like a brickie being invit-ed to give an exhibition on

bricklaying."
I think I see his point. The idea of riding around the track without a record in his sights can hardly have been enthralling and I imagine that he would not want to risk sharing the track with a pack of novic-

Boardman, left, passes on a few tips on the art of track cycling to Sharon, one of the novices

es. Minutes later I was in my first track race. Hurtling around the track on your own is one thing, but doing it in the company of others is like either side. It is easy to cover a

doing 70mph on a motorway that has no lane markings. It is fantastic fun, though, elbow to elbow, not during to look to

couple of miles at 25mph without really noticing. I was doing well until I tried to avoid someone pulling up in

have time to make any other mistakes. Riding a fixed gear HOW TO GO CYCLE TRACK RACING means you cannot just stop pedalling. If you do, your legs are jerked around so much that you feel they are going to be ripped off. Getting back your rhythm quickly is the

only alternative to a crash. As an introduction, the day had provided more than enough for everyone to be proud of. The track has a fascination that most agreed could become addictive. It is also like

being invited into the inner

sanctom of cycling when they

have left the door open.

front. My immediate reaction

was to stop pedalling. I did not

Not Just cyclists, but many athletes from other sports use the track for building anaerobic fitness. Manchester Velodrome encourages beginners, for whom it holds special clinics. Track bikes can be hired, but you will need to bring clothes, shoes and a helmet. Track riding is a power-intensive activity, so an all-day session can be exhausting.
MANCHESTER VELODROME: Stuart Street, Manchester W11

4DQ (telephone 0161 223 2244, ticketline 0161 230 2307/2308). Internet: www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Arena/9468/velocyc.htm

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NETBALL

Buck the trend as Middlesex close in

By CATHY HARRIES

MIDDLESEX'S determined challenge to capture their first English Counties League oile showed no sign of faltering when they comfortably defeated Bedfordshire, the 1997 winners, 51-33 to retain pole position in the table.

Only four points separate the top three after their closest rivals. Derbyshire and Essex Met, the champions, recorded convincing victories against Birmingham and Surrey respectively. Lorraine Law, who was sidelined with an ankle injury for the international against Wales last week. returned for the holders, but Lyn Carpenter, her England team-mate, limped out of the Surrey side before half-time

with a similar injury.

Shooter Mel Buck laid the

team's goals, but Helen Lonsdale, playing in her last game before joining her England team-mates, Amanda Newton, from Essex, and Naomi Siddall and Olivia Murphy, of Derbyshire, in New Zealand this month, was also in great

Sally Horrox, the Middlesex captain, said: "It was good to have our England defender Hellen Manufor back for her first full game after injury."

Karen Aspinall, the Loughborough University student, turned in a match-winning performance at wing attack for Derbyshire as they crushed Birmingham 65-32 Rosie Port, the Derbyshire coach, also praised the accuracy of Lisa Topliss, the former England shooter, who scored foundations for Middlesex's 36 goals, including a 100 per triumph, scoring 44 of her cent record in the second half,

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent After 40 boards of the 1998 Gold Cup semi-finals, Cohen's team were 57 IMPs down to Price. Board 41 started their

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Contract: Six Clubs by South. Lead: nine of spades.

After West's thin raise of East's Two Spade opening. East's Weak Two. North clearly had to double (for take-out of course). Now East look the unusual action of bidding on. Normally if you have opened a Weak Two you leave the rest of the decisions to your partner, but exceptional distribution does occasionally justify another move. Here it bullied North-South into Six Clubs, a contract they might not have bid if left to themselves. With all of North's cards working, Six Clubs is an excellent con-

After winning the spade lead Gordon cashed two top clubs. Even though this Anyone looking for a lastnieant he had a trump loser, minute winter break should he was able to get dummy's spade away on a heart before West could ruff in. At the other table Sandkvist as West passed

North doubled, and South bid Two No-Trumps, a con-ventional move on his methods to show a weakish hand; North raised to Three No-Trumps. After a spade lead from West and a spade continuation, that precarious contract might have gone off if declarer had misguessed the clubs. However, he took the club finesse and ended with eleven tricks, for a swing to Cohen of 12 IMPs. Note that in order to create enough entries to finesse and cash the clubs, declarer had to sacrifice one of his natural

heart winners. consider the Malta Bridge Festival starting on 27 February. For further details phone Sally Brock on 01494 450620.

WORD-WATCHING

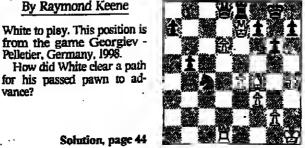
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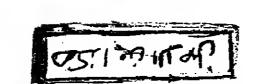
By Philip Howard

a. A stringed instrument b. A princely heir c. Romanisation of Urdu APOPHATIC

a. Negative theology b. A kind of rainwear Nullifying a curse Answers, page 44



Pelletier, Germany, 1998. How did White clear a path for his passed pawn to ad-



FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON HAYWARDS HEATH: National champion-ships: Ment Singles: Cuarter-Breaks: D Hall (Stoke) to S leade: (Sussed 15-4, 15-13, H Doing (Kert) to M Constable (Marks) 8-15, 15-12, 15-8, P Knowles (Kent) to M Burgess (Hans) 15-6, 15-12, C Haughton (Lancs) bt A South (Notis) 15-6, 15-4 Semi-finale: Hall bt Doing 15-11, 8-15, 15-5 Doubles: Quarter-finale: S Archer (Words) and C Hurn (Lancs) bt I Pearson (Essex) and N Ponting (Boucs) 15-0, 15-7, G Hurel (Harns) and P Jeffrey (Essex) bt B Hurne (Went) and P Jeffrey (Essex) bt B Hurne (Went) and P Jeffrey (Lancs) 15-6, 15-8, A Clark (Notis) and I Sulvan (Goucs) bt J Anderson (Essex) and N Waterman (Kent) 15-8, 15-8, J Robertson (Nottants) and N Robertson (Notts) bt O Bush (Borks) and K Robertson (Nottants) and N Robertson (Notta) 15-3, 15-3, Wømmer Singless (Duarter-finale: J Marn (Marks) bt P Harrson (Essex) 11-0, 11-2, J Wiffmont (Yorks) bt T Dineen (Essex) 11-0, 11-2, J Wiffmont (Yorks) bt T Dineen (Essex) 11-6, 11-4, T Hallam (Staffs) bt J Pittand (Warks) 11-5, 11-1 Semi-finale Marn bt Parilaney 11-3, 11-9 Doubless First round: L HAYWARDS HEATH: National champ

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Cole (Words) and T Direcen (Esser) 15-11.

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BASKETBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Seburdery: Derby Storm 101 Worthing Bears 86, London Tow-ers 68 Millon Keynes Lons 64, Manchester Gants 90 Greater London, Leopards 78, Newcastle Engles 78 Tharms Valley Tigers 95, Yesterday: Millon Keynes 77 Newcas-tle Eagles 91 Shelfield Sharks 80 Lecester Riders 71 Edinburgh Rocks 85 Worthing Reurs 51. Sheffield Sharks 25 23 2
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SHEFFIELD SHEELD: Hobart (final day of tour): Western Australia 358-0 dec and 162-2 (P. J. Campbell 72); Tesmania 326 (D. J. Marsh 123, -D. C. Boon 54; M. J. Nicholson 5-75). Match disam. Standings: 1. Queero-land 28 pts.: 2, Votoria 24, 3. Western Australia 22, 4. South Australie 16, 5. Tesmania 10; 6, New South Wales 8 MERCANTILE CUP; Adelaider. Canberra 206 (47 3 overs. M. Vestata 69); South Australia 206-6 (46 overs; G. S. Blewett 70). South Australia beat Cariberra by four wide-ets

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Leight: Triest Fairclough, Kendrick, Goetha Kendrick 4. York: Triest Deakin, Judge, Strange, Att. 1,546. Swinton 10 Housiet 21

Kardrick 4. Yorlt: Tries: Deakin, Jaroge, Strange, Akt 1,546.
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Widnes: Tries: Salecter 4. Dropped goal: Fletcher, Att. 1,239.
Widnes: Tries: Briess, Desocchi, Marrison, Swellon, Goaler, Selfsbury 7. Deresbury: Tries: Godiny, Kershew, Goaler, Eaton 2.
Att. 2,736.
Worklington 14. Hull KR 21.
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Worklington: Tries: Kritor, Wellace, Williams, Goaler Brantinvelle, Hull KR: Tries: Way 2. Derby, Kitching, Goaler, Gray 2.
Dropped goal: Gray, Att. 1,444
CLUB MAYCHE Bradford 62. Wakefield 8.
NATIONAL CONFERIENCE LEAGUE-Premier division: Beverley East Hull 4. Sacdeworth 62. Leigh MR 14. Egrenton; 16: Othern S. Armes 22. Ayears 18. Pint of Windows Berow Island. 20. Million 14. Rechill 20. Leigh East 18: Shaw Cross 10. Cuthon 38. Second division: Hull Dockers 22. Crosleids 6; New Earsanck 14. Develops 23.

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SAILING

CLIPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE-Leg Se (Hewell to Volchums, with miles to finish): 1, Adel (A Thomson) 2,331, 2, Anti-ope (K Harris) 2,351, 3, Chysolte (T Hedg-es) 2,333, 4, Themopyles (M Todi 2,421, 5, Seriot (R Dean) 2,437, 9, Mermenus (B So-lars) 2,452. ters) 2,452.
PERTH: Australia Cup: Final: G Brad, or(2) of M Holmberg (Swe) 3-0. Taint-place play-off: P Girmour (Japan) bt T Basic (Cro) 2-0. British placing: 7, C Law. SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL: Invitation International (under-18): England 0 Iroland 2-Helinz Kertotup Trophy: Figh-round rephry: South
Notes 2 East Fitching 0, Manchester 1 Liverpool 2. Northern Merit Langue: Safford 4
Stockport 2. Merseyalde Composition:
Mid Cheshine 2 Winal 2. West Middlends
Langue: Endington and Satishe 1 Solinul 1,
Wolverhampton 2 Helessoven-under-Sourbridge 1: Telland 2 West Bromwich 5. Stafffordshine Langue: Burton 0 Temeorth 2,
Hobbins Caus Second round: Valo of Winterhorse 1 Mid and South Warwickshire 1 (ast,
Mid and South Warwickshire win 3-1 on

pens). Yorkshire Trophy: Reddar and Cleveland 1 Caldgale 4 Woodhead Cup: First round: Tameside 2 Richicale 2 (act. Tameside win 4-3 on pens). Goodhead Trophy: Worksop 1 Deby 1. Conhibitisan Shield: First round: Croydon 1 Sargon and Camden S Pietdond Shield: Coartentinate iste of Wight 5 Poole 3. Inflar-association matterness Duncasier 3 Grimsby (7. Hz. 1 Spen Walley 2; Nothingham 3 Leeds 0. Callide 4 Alferdale 2. Chester 6 Maccestied 0. Flugsty Uniforth Ending of Maccestied 0. Flugsty Uniforth Ending of Maccestied 0. Flugsty Uniforth Ending G. Sterner, 12. Nothingham HS 15 Pooldington 14. Sterner, 3 Section 14. Sterner, 3 Section 14. Sterner, 3 Section 14. Sterner, 5 Section 14. Sterner, 5 Section 15. Section 15. Section 15. Section 15. Section 16. Sec

SKIING

VAIL: World chempionships: More Downhill: 1. H Maser | Austria| 1mn 40 60sec; 2. L Kus. (Nor) 1:40 91, 3. K A Armoot (Nor) 1:41.75, 4, H Knauss (Austria; 1,41.19; 5, S Eberharier (Austria) 1:41.40; 6, W Franz (Austria) 1:41.75. British placing: 24, A Freshwater 1:45.40.

SNOOKER

WEARTLEY: Benson and Hedges Man-ters: First round: J Wattans (That) bt D Gray (Eng) 6-2. Second round: M Williams (Wales) bt N Bond (Eng) 6-0. SQUASH

MANCHESTER: National champion-atips: Men: Semi-finate: S Parke (Yorks) bt L Beachal (Yorks) 15-9, 17-14, 15-9 P Johnson (Kent) bt M Caims (Oxon) 7-15-15-9, 15-7, 15-7. Finat: Johnson bt Parke 1 10-15, 15-5, 15-8, 1-15, 15-7 Women: Semi-finate: C Jacobram (Nortol) bt J Mar-tin (Northumbras) 9-0, 9-3, 8-3 S Winght (Kent) bt S Homer (Yorks) 10-8, 8-9, 9-2, 9-0, Finat; Jacobram bt Winght 9-5, 3-9, 8-9, 9-0, 9-6

TENNIS MARSEILLES OPEN: Semi-finals: F San-toro (Fr) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-4, 6-4 A Clement (Fr) bt C Poline (Fr) 6-4, 6-1 Final: Sentoro bt Clement 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. TOKYO: Pen-Pacific Open: Semi-finals: M Hings (Switz) bl J Novotra (Czt 8-3, 8-4, A Costzer (SA) bt M Seles (US) 6-4, 6-2 Pinal: Hings bt Coetzer 6-2, 6-1.

RUGBY UNION

Lloyds TSB Five Nations Championship 9 France Ireland: Pens: Humphreys 3 Fran Dounte Con: Castaignède. Castaignède HT: 6-0 Att. 49,000

33 Wales d: Tries: J Lesie, S Murray, Tait, nd Cons: Logan 2 Pena: Locan 2, lodge Wafes: Tries: S Gibbs, Cons: Jenkins 2, Pens: Jenkins 2,

HT: 8-13 Att. 67,500 (at Murraylield) Allled Dunbar Premiership

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Tries: Scrivener 2, Wood 2,
Cons: King 2 Pens: King 2 HT: 7-0 Att: 9.526.

Sale: 7 London Scot: 23
Sale: 10 London Scot: 24
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LEADING SCORERIS: 263: J Schuster
Hartequins, 4 mes, 24 conversions, 64 penally goals, 1 dropped goal) 218: G Johnson
(Saracers: 7t, 35c, 38pg) 201: K Logen
Waspis, 6, 24c, 41pg) 193 M Catr (Bath,
3; 28c, 40pg) 188: N Woods (London insh,
11; 22c, 29pg) 188: J Wildingson (Nawcasile, 5t, 34c, 20pg) 181: J Stransky (Lakcester, 7t, 34c, 20pg) Triest, 11: Woods 10: N
Back, (Leucester), J Guscott (Bath), P Lam
(Northampton) 8: B Dense (Saracers)

Second division Blackhedth 28 Waterfield 20 Blackhedth: Tries: Carte 2, M Gnifets, Sangster Cent:Amor Penss Amor 2 Water field: Tries: Breteny, Simpson-Denel Const Duan 2 Penss Doon 2 HT: 8-10. Bristol 31 Rotherham 36 Bristol: 71 Rotherham 36 Bristol: Tries: Beber, Gabey, penalty 89, Prichard Const. Knox 4 Pent. Knox Rotherham: Tries: La, Spence, Umaga, Wade Const. Timela 2 Penas: Timela 4 HT: 24-16 Att: 2.496

24 Waterloo Pylde 24 Waterloo 5
Pylde: Tries: Anderton, Evans, Rigby, Scott Cons: Peacock 2 Waterloo: Try: Becket: HT: 5-0 44 Exeter Leeds: Tries: Scales 4 S Easterby, Ed-wards Emmerson Const Tupulolu 2. Rysdes Pent Tupulolu Existen Try: Bar-rum, Cont 8 Easson HT: 8-7 Att. 800

tow. Cont. B Easton HT: 8-7 Att. 800
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London Welsh: Tries: Graud 2 Cumer
Cont. Lee Pens. Lee? Pens. Raymond Moseley: Tries: Cool. N. Michell Cont. A
Britis Pens. 5 Jones 4 HT: 13-14. Att. 600
Ornell: Tries: Hope. Slemen, Verbickas,
Vivin Cons. Verbickas 4 Pens. Verbickas
HT: 24-0 Ringby: Tries: Davies Saunders Cons: Davies 2 Pens: Davies 3 Worcester: Tries: June Le Bas Lyman Myler Cons: Le Bas 2 Pens: Lo Bos 4 HT: 6-18 Att: 1.200

Worcester deducted 2pts

LEADING SCORERS: 186: S Gough (Cov. LEADING SCORIERS: 188: 5 Gough (Cov-entry, 9 fives, 30 conversions, 32 penalty gools), 178: 5 Tupulotu (Leeds, 31, 23c, 39ogl) 188: L. Carlints (Waterico, 2, 17-37ogl), 148: 8 Easson (Exitor: 1, 24c, 33ogl) Tries: 12: A Larian (Bristol) 11: B Wade (Rotherham) 8: A Currer (London Welsh), G Austin (Rotherham), R Myler (Worcester), W Salior (Leeds)

Jewson National League First division Bham/Sollhulf 10 Newbury

Etham/Sollhulf 10 Newbury 16
Blinningham/Sollhulf Try: Baley Con: M
Birch Pen; M Birch Newbury: Tries: Bramer, Colfins, Penet: Pohipp 2 HT: 0-8
Camberley: Try: Owen Con: G Gregory
Penet: G Gregory 4 Henley: Tries: Roke 2,
R Osmen, Cone: Roke 2, Penet: Roke 4,
HT: 6-20 Att: 600
Harmogate 9 Reading 13
Harmogate Penet: Yatan 3 Reading: Tree

HT: 6-20 Att: 600 ,
Harrogate: 9 Reading 13
Harrogate: Pens: Yaten 3 Reading: Try:
Pit. Corr. Darice Pens: Darice 2: HT: 6-3
Liverpool St H - Reasilyn Perk 22
Liverpool St Holens: Try: Topping. Corr.
Glynt. Rosslyn Park: Tries: Brady, Marval,
A Milward, pensity try. Corn: Dows. HT: 7-5.
Manchester: 77/est: 2 pensity tree; Blood,
D Craddock, P Craddock, Ellis, Foreler, Jee,
Krive, Länghorn. Cons: Swindells 7 Pen:
Swindells HT: 27-0.
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Nothingham Tries: Presr, Royer, Pena: C
Alkinson 2. Dropped goals Jack, Morkey,
Try: L Hamilton Pene: Bember 2. HT: 13-6
Wharfedale: Tries: Evens, Uster, Cont.
Markedale: Tries: Evens, Uster, Cont.
Markedale: Tries: Evens, Uster, Cont. Mounsey, Pens: Mounsey 3 C Clappison HT: 21-3 Att: 1,600

Cappson HT: 21-3 Att: 1,900

P W D L F A Phs

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Heritay 18 16 0 2 438 203 32

Officy 20 12 0 6 344 307 24

Rosslyn Park 19 11 0 9 369 278 22

Wharfedale 20 11 0 9 369 278 22

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Newbury 19 10 0 9 350 316 20

Camberley 20 9 1 10 395 484 19

Reeding 20 9 0 11 376 432 19

Lydney 19 6 1 9 296 353 17

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Harrogate 20 5 1 14 212 362 11

Morley 19 5 1 13 306 482 11

Liverpool St H 19 3 0 16 229 595 6

SECOND DIVISION NORTH: Aspairs 17

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LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Charitor
Park 19 Harlow 48, Cheshurt 19 Staines 16,
Guidiford and Godalming 62 Old Mich-Whagrisan 10, Russip 19 Sudbury 10, Southend
10 Woodfood 74. Thanet Wanderes 26 Wimbledon 8, Thurrock, 20 Suston and Epsom
20 Westcombe Park 51 Basingstoke 10
SOUTH WEST: Barnstaple 14 Gloucester
OB 10, Berry Hill 3 Matson 25, Keyrrsham
34 Torquay Athleto, C. Maddehned 53 Old
Patessans 9, Salisbury 0 Launceston 107,
Stroud 7 Penzance-Newlyn 59
MIDLANDS: Dudley 22 Wolverhampton 6,
Lenhvorm 19 Burton 6, Lengthon Buczard
15 Banbury 79: Mansterlet 7 Bedford African
38, Sourricope 49 Camp HB 6, Stoke-onTrent 12 Broadstred 25, Syston 13 Bedgrave
15, Westleigh 15 Barkers Butts 23,
NORTHE Baydon 38 Hull 20, Macclesfield
19 Bindington 8 Meddesbrough 39 Witnes
0, Stochon 6 Doncacter 33, Tynadale 15
Broughton Park 3 Wigton 22 Northern 35
UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford 31 Queensland 13

Andio-Welsh club matches

Anglo-Weish club matches Anglo-Weish Club matteress
Cardiff: Tries: Botham 4. S.Hd 2. E. Lews.
Rayer, RWilliams. Cone: Burke 6. Bedford:
Tries: Forsier, Weis Cone: Howard 2. HT:
21-7. Att. 2. 728
W Hardlepool 27. Swansee: Tries:
Berson Penus: Berson 5. Swansee: Tries:
Rees 2. R. Jones. Noble. Con: L Daves
Penus: L Daves 2. HT: 72-10. Att. 1.001. Tennent's Velvet Cup Fifth round

Glasgow Hawks 10 Kelso 13
Glasgow Hawks: Try: Penally try Con: E
Martin Pent: E Martin Kelso: Try: Hawket.
Con: Adchrson. Pena: Attchson 2. HT: 7-6
Klimarmock: 12 Musseburgh 10
Klimarmock: Tries: Adam, A Sociar Con:
Stewart Musseburgh Tries: D Archbald.
Cringan HT: 12-0
POSTPONED: Hawed v Boroughmur
TENMENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP: TEMMENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHEP: First division: Postponed: Curne v West of Scotland Second division: Post-poned: Dundee HSFP v Kincatoy. Taird di-vision: Berinck 57 Gleriothes & Ayr 3 Pres-ton Lodge 11



Martina Hingis stretches for a forehand during her straight sets victory over Amanda Coetzer in the final of the Pan-Pacific Open in Tokyo yesterday. The win saw Hingis reclaim her No I world ranking from Lindsay Davenport

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Besson 4 Guiddord 2, Brooklands 2 Teddington 2 Carnoc: 6 Old Loughtonisms 2, East Grasteed 3 Canterbury 4, Hounslow 0 Bournalle 2. Southgate 2 Reading 5

FIRST DIVISION: Chairnsland 1 Harleston Maggies 2 Doncaster 10 Indian Gymfdrara 1. Friebrands 1 Eastocke 3 Harmssload 1 St Albams 3 Havant 1 Subteins 3 Lewes 9 Hulf 3. Loughborough Studens 2 leoa 2. Odord Hawks 3 Sherileki 4 Odord University 1 Bromley 0: Stoupport 4 Barford Tigers 4

SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Backheath I Farehem 2. Bournemouth 0 City of Potsmouth 1. Chachester 7. Anchorans 2. High Wydontbe 4 Henre Bay 1. Old Cranleighans 8 Becuentum 2. Turbridge Wels 3 Richmond 1. Wimbledon 3 Gorg Wels 3 Richmond 1. Wimbledon 3 Gorg Court I Windhester 2 Maidenhead 4 Wolning 6 Purk 3. Woungham 5 Old Windhars 2. Hempshike: Surney: Barnes 0 Andows 4. Camberley 0 Bacrygstoke 1. Dutand. 1 Trojans 1 Eps.m.; Haskensee 0. Goan 0 London University 3 London Waythren 1 Piers 3 Old Georgians 10 Cashod 0. Portamouth 2 Beneford 5, Spencer 1 Old Mid-Whighlans 0 Kent/Sussent Easthourne 8 Beoley Invota 3 Horsham 3 Marden Russets 2. Lugds Ban 2 Bengton 6, Med Susses 2 Polistone 2. Old Boderners 9 South Spons 0. Old Hounthelans 3 Middletony Bognor 2. Old Winamsonians 2 BBHC 6, Sevencials 2 Ashbord 2 Tuber Hill 2 Rochester and Galangham 3 Worthing 1 Burn Ash 1. Middleton Collection 1. Familiam Common 2 Milton Keynes 5 Newbury 3 West Hampshad 12 PhC Chawda Martos 2. Publing Pan 9 Phoenx 0 Sonning 4 Hendon 2. Startes 6 Gemands Cross 0, Surbury 2 Hayes 2.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ben Rhydong 0 Shelfield Bankers 1; Gutham Urversiry 3 Harrogate 2 Formby 8 Cressirs 0 Nestin 4 North 1; Southpore 4 Bowton 5 Warrington 3 Rotheyham 1 North West: First division: Sollon 3 Sandrach 1; Cheemam M4 1 Sale 2 Chester 2 Urverpor Urverziry 5 Collyn Bay 4 Knundrid 1 Oxon 1 Glaup 1 Prescot 0 Monganto 4 OTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Leet 2 Har-tome 2, North Stafford 0 Massa 1, North Warwich 3, North Stafford 0 Massa 1, North ampton Sam's 1 Strewsbury 1, Notingham 5 Edgoston 2 (Stafford West Warwick 2 Hampton-in-Accen 9)

WEST OF ENGLAND AND SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Premier division: Rob-nsons 2 You'd and Sherbourne 2: Swansea O Taurton Vale 1: West Wist 1 Weston-su-per-Mare 2. Whitchurch 4 Cheltenham 2 or Button's West-hard 4 Chelesham 2
PREMER HOLIDAYS EAST LEAGUE:
Pramier division & Cambridge University 9 Cambridge Cay 4, Claston 2 Blueher's 2:
boswch 1 Colchester 2: Peterboraugh Town 2
Crostyx 1, West Herte 2 Bedford Town 2.
INDOOR CLIB CHAMPPONSHRP (at Crystal Palsogs): Pool & Coll Loughtonams 10
Burlord Tigers 6, Barford Tigers 3 Hull 5,
Hull 4 Old Loughtonams 11, Pool Bt East
Grissland 7 Southgate 8: Southgate 5 Reading 9. Reading 9 East Granslead 4. FinaltOld Loughtonams 6 Southgate 5 (Southgate win 3-2 on pena). Junior statistic Bromkey 2 Carterbury 5
WOMEN'S MATTIONAL LEAGUE: Premater division: Citino 5 Doncaster 4, Hightown 2 Stough 1. Ipswich 4 Sutton I: Leidester 2 Otton 3.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

FIRST DIVISION: Braciford 3 Wimbledon 3: Chelmstord 3 Sunderland 1, Loughbor-ough Students 3 Contentury 1: Trojans 1 Alondge 2

ENGLAND AND SOUTH IGUE Premier divisions Swansea ale 1: West Wits 1 Weston-symboth A Chekemhara 2 HOLIDAYS EAST LEAGUE: Evision At Carmbridge University 2: Richester 2: Potentionate Investigate 8: Potentionate Investigate 8: Potentionate Investigate 8: Southorners 11. People BE East Southgate 8: Southga

SECOND DIVISION: Hampton 5 St Alba

ATHLETICS

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Track and field
STUTTGART: Spartdassen Cop: Winmers and British: Mem. 60nc 1, E. Nacanala
(Greena) 6.52sec; 2, J. Gardenier (GE) 6.54.
400nc 1, J. Beutch (GS) 46.24. 400nc 1; J. Botta
(SG) 46.71; R. Cay (GB) 47.09; 3.
S. Bakdock (GB) 47.25. 800nc 1, J. Botta
(SA) 1min 45.45ec. L. 1500nc 1, H. Gabrasaste (Eth) 3.34.26. 1,500m B: 1, B. Treacy
(GB) 3.44.85. 3,000nc 1, M. Wolce (Eth)
7.42.51. 60m hardles: 1, F. Balk (Ge) 7.34.
2, C. Jackson (GB) 7.39. Pole veste: 1, A.
Twontchik (Ge) 5.69n. Triple jump: 1, I.
Punga (Rom) 17.0m. Women; 60nz 1, S. Jayesinghe (Sri Lanka) 7.09. 400nc 1, G. Brete(Ger) 30.97. 400nc 1; L. Formanova (C2)
155.78. 1,000nc 1, M. Muzole (Mazertabue)
2.56.65; S. D. Modahi (GB) 2.43.77. 1,500nz
1, K. Duleche (Kon) 4.24.86. 60m hardles: 1,
B. Bulcevec (Sloverio) 7.78. High jump: 1, M.
Dinescu-lager (Hom) 1.51m. Long jamp: 1,
Pendjeve (Bu) 6.61m.
NATIONAL INDOOR ARENA, Birming-

Pendjeva (Bul) 6.51m.

NATIONAL INDOOR AREMA, Birmingham: Great Britain v Prance tender 23 indoor international investing (Great Britain v Brance tender 23 indoor international investing (Great Britain unless maint); Ment 90cc. 1, C Malcolm 8.67ser, 2, D Palves (F) 6.785, 3, U Uyono 6.62; 4, V Caune (F) 6.85, 200mc. 1, Malcolm 20.74; 2, J Henridom 21.07; 3, S Krantz (F) 21.28; 4, J Otsane (F) 21.99, 400mc. 1, D Caines 47.29; 2, L Levouge (F) 47.82; 3, L Beind 48.01, 800mc. 1, P Febrer 1min 52.48sec; 2, J Parker 15.45; 3, F Chould (F) 15.54; 1. Disqualified; 5 Demanacha (F), 1554; 1. Disqualified; 5, F Chould (F) 15.64; 1. Disqualified; 5, C Caines (F) 2.05; 2, D Caines 21.05; 3, D Caines (F) 2.05; 4, F Colou (F) 8.07; High Jumpe 1, G Gabella (F) 2.15m; 2, D Gabella (F) 5.10; 4, R Dent 2.05; Pole vasilt; 1, M Bolaroud (F) 2.05; 4, R Dent 2.05; Pole vasilt; 1, M Bolaroud (F) 5.10; 4, S Simpson 4.80.

France 34/2 19; 2, Great Britain 34/3,11.

C) Match result: 1, Great Britain 116pts; 2, France 113.

NATIONAL INDOOR ARENA, Birminghaur: International Indoor echools meeting: Boyes: 60ms: 1, M. Hooton (Eng) 7, 31sec; 2, S. Barry (Ine) 7.95; 3, G. Jones (Wales) 7, 48, 4, F. Murphy (Soot) 7, 57, 200ms; 1, D. Graham (Ine) 22,65; 2, L. Ocho (Eng) 22,64; 3, N. Hescott (Wales) 22,25; 4, D. Graham (Ire) 23,69; 400ms; 1, C. Errisane (Soot) 4,931 (International Invalidation (Ine) 52,29; 3, M. Groves (Wales) 53,49; 4, D. Richards (Wales) 239; 3, M. Groves (Wales) 53,49; 4, D. Richards (Wales) 2min 1,80scc; 2, P. Grant (Ire) 54,69; 300ms; 1, S. Richards (Wales) 2min 1,80scc; 2, P. Grant (Ire) 24,22,23; 3, R. McIntosh (Socril 202,83; 4, E. Baley (Eng) 204,18; 1,800ms; 1, S. Abitt (Eng) 41,15; 2, M. Agnew (Ire) 418,49; 3, D. Jones (Wilse) 3, 20, 3; 4, D. Simpson (Soco) 4,25,83; 60m faurofless; 1, N. Hiscott (Wales) 3, G. Smith (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,95; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,95; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,95; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, C. Baley (Eng) 1,85; 3, J. McCall (Soci) 1,20; 4, J. Grant (Ire) 1,38; 4, A. Darnet (Wales) 11,83; Shoot 1, C. Sangars (Eng) 14,90m; 2, C. Coll (Wales) 2, C. Granin (Soci) 12,05; 4, J. Grant (Ire) 1,38; 4, A. Darnet (Wales) 11,83; Shoot 1, C. Sangars (Eng) 14,90m; 2, C. Coll (Wales) 12,05; 4, J. Grant (Ire) 1,38; 4, A. Darnet (Wales) 11,83; Shoot 1, C. Sangars (Eng) 14,90m; 2, C. Toll (Wales) 12,05; 4, J. Grant (Ire) 1,48; 4, A. Walker England (Wales) 25,58; 3, S. O'Chen (Ire) 1,48; 4, A. Walker (Wales) 25,58; 3, S. O'Chen (Ire) 1,48; 4, A. Walker (Wales) 25,58; 3, S. O'Chen (Ire) 24, 4, A. Walk

(Scot) 45.52 800m: 1, L Dobriskey (Engl 214.54; 2. L Thomas (Wales) 2.19 48, 3, J Lando (Scot) 224.49; 4, E Mchroy (tre) 232.13. 1,900m: 1, Z Jefbert (Engl 4.45.91; 2. F Murray (Scot) 4.45.06; 3, E Sherrard-Smáth (Wales) 4.49, 78, 4, T Whelefan (tre) 5.18.92; 90m hardless: 1, D Selley (Wales) 4.93, 78, 4, T Whelefan (tre) 5.18.92; 90m hardless: 1, D Selley (Wales) 6.93; 2, S Belle (Engl) 8.97; 3, L Russell (Scot) 9.20, 4, R McChell (tre) 9.25. High jumps: 1, A Wilson (Engl) 1.75m (equals meeting record), 2, V Alsin (Scot) 1.61; 3, E Bolton (tre) 1.58, 4, H Davles (Wales) 1.45 Long jumps: 1, M Paris (Engl) 5.27m (equals meeting record), 2, V Alsin (Scot) 3.49; 4, S Newington (Wales) 4.67. Shot: 1, L Finlay (Wales) 10.68m; 2, G Austin (tre) 10.36, 3, F / Miller (Scot) 10.33, 4, S Moties (Engl) 10.10. 4 x 200m relay: 1, England 1.42.19, 2, Wales 14.29; 3, Instand 7.44, 18, Disquasilised: Scotland, Milanth meauti: 1, England 36pts; 2, Wales 22; equal 3, Volend and Scotland 17, Overall result: 1, England 69, 2, Wales 57; 3, heland 49, 4, Scotland 43 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: Millicose Germen Indoor magning (Jinide States unless stated): Wilmerts: Meer: 80m; M Greene (5.15 e.g., 500m; M Everett 1mn 1,705 etc., 900m; J Grey 1.48, 89 Miller: W Tarsu (Ken) 3:59, 24, 3,000m; P Boto, Kén) 7.49, 61, 60m hurdles: R Tortan 7.59 High jump: S Smith 2.4m, Shot: K Toth 20.90m Pole vasuit: J Harbing 5.80m Women; S Smith 2.4m, Shot: K Toth 20.90m Pole vasuit: J Harbing; 5.80m Women; M Momson 7.99, High jump: T Waller 1.89m Pole vasuit: J Scotland; Som Puter 18.59m.

Cross country VILAMOURA, Portugal: Inter VILAMOURA, Portuget: Intermetional meetings allen (16km): 1, T Nepril (Ken) 29 48, 3, P (Guerra, (Pr.): 30:00, Women (6km): 1, Z Osezz, (Mor) 19:31; 2, G Wern (Eth) 19:32; 3, L Maiot (Kon) 19:31; 2, G Wern (Eth) 19:32; 3, L Maiot (Kon) 19:43; 3, Ender (Loughorough) 29:41; 29:82; 2, P Tuba (Loughorough) 29:41; 3, L Orbord 22:38; 3, M Orbord (Loughorough) 29:35; 3, M Orbord (Loughorough) 29:37; Teemes 1, Loughborough) 19:48; Teemes 1, Loughborough) 19:48; 2, Seffordshire 193; 3, Orbord 22:38; Free (6.8km); M Hibbord (Loughborough) 19:48; 3, Orbord 45; 4, Coughborough) 19:44; 3, Orbord 45; Women (6.1km); T Krzywicki (Loughborough) 19:10; 2, A Walerbor (Loughborough) 19:10; 2, A Walerbor (Loughborough) 19:10; 3, K Storupsia (Oxford) 19:23, Teemes 1, Loughborough) (holdest) 20; 2, Oxford 68, 3, Simmightem 79; COLLEHANC: Northern Ineland champi

Intervence (Loughtborough) 19:14; 3, K StorupsIsa (Oxford) 19:23. Teames: 1, Loughborough
(Notices) 20: 2, Oxford 68, 3, Birmagham 78.
COLLEHARNE: Northern Instand championships: Men. (7.5 miles). 1, D Donnely
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(North Bellast) 40:56; 3, J Campboll (Annacials Stiders) 42:24; 4, D McNelly (NewcasIsis) 42:40; 5, P Smyth (North Bellast) 43:07,
6, G McLamon (Milowifeld) 43:21. Teames:
1, Annacials Stiders 52:05; 2, North Bellast
58. Wousen (3 miles): 1, M Synoti. (Lot
Internry) 19:11; 2, P Thom (Bellymann and
Antirin) 19:12; 3, 5 Haitch (Spatha) 19:36
Tassass; 1, Spatha 25; 2, Bellymann and
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Istina 30; 3, Lagen Velley 42.
WESTON-SEMPER-MARNE: General League:
Men (10:8km); 1, S Tobin (Swansea) 34min
55ect; 2, H Gardiner (Cartifi) 35:11, 3, S Monantirin 30; 3, Lagen Velley 42.
Teames: Spits; 2, Les Croupiers 63; 3,
Nacih 90, Woomen (13:8m); 1, A Shiyes (Wesbury) 24:20; 2, F Gel (Neath) 24:31; 3, S Monantirin 30; 3, Lagen Spits, 1, A Shiyes (Wesbury) 24:20; 2, F Gel (Neath) 24:31; 3, S Monantirin 30; 3, Overton 147: Finel standings: 1,
Basingstoke and Mid Hards 74; 2, Reading 83; 3, Overton 147: Finel standings: 1,
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Basingstoke and Mid Hards 6; 2, Aldershot,
Faminam and District 19; 9, Chy of Portanders 11; 5, S S, C Wheeler (Overton)
19; 3, Aldershot, Faminam and District 21;
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38:28; 3, T Murray (Inversiçale) 38:37; Womon (6:400m); 1, A Murips (Camethy) 21:38; 2, Loftier
15; 3, Aldershot, Faminam and District 21;
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Road running

CHICHESTER: South of England championships (10km): Nienc 1, B Royden (Mackey) 29min 48sec; 2, S Hall (Pymouth) 30:35; 3, G Williams (meedway) 30:40. Women 1, D Peruval (Meedway) 44:20; 2, J Hampo (Havan) 35:18; 3, J Comford (Beginton and Hove) 37:08

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL FA Carling Premiership

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Ross County v Clydebank (7 45) ... FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLI-ANCE: North West Controvence: Carliele Und v Wigan 112 01 AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Argental of Englison (at Bore-ham Wood 3 0) Folham v Luton (1 0)

PONTINT'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Preston v Manchester Utd (7 15) Sloke v Lverpool (7 0) Second division: Newcas-te v Snewsbury (7 0) Leegue Cup: Group bird: Hull v Bansley (2,0) TOMORROW FOOTBALL

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v France (& Price Park, 8 05) Engand o France (& Price Park, 8 US)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division:
Darington of Carlete (7 45)
NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Dover of
Famborough (7 45): Forest Green or Kingstonaun (7 45): Herestod by Vigiting (7 45). Walling of
Stevenage (7 45) SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Ab-on v Coadenboath (7 30) TENMENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Third-round replay: Dundee Urd v Queen s Part (7 45).

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v The Army (7:15) Celond v Oxford University (7:15)

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v France (at Wembley, 90). Ireland v Para-gury (7 30) EUROPEAN CHAMPONSHIP: Quality-ing group six: Cyprus v San Manno 14 0) Qualitying group elight: Maka v Yugosla-va (2 0)

ALLIED DUMBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Newcastle v Richmond (7 30) CLUB MATCH; Comwall v Royal Nevy (at. Launceston, 70) OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Uni-bell Trophy: Semi-finals, first lag: Durby Storm v Lecester Riders 19 (), Sheffield Shanis v Manchester Gients (at Ponds Forge (SC, 7.45).

RUGBY UNION

ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda Superleague: Manchester Storm v Notingham Peniners (7 S) THURSDAY

ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda Superteegue: Cardil Devis v Bracinell Bees (7 30): New-castle Riverlangs v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7.15) FRIDAY FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Colchester v Wigan 17 45) Third divi-sion: Rochdale v Huli 17 45)

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fourth round: Wakefeld v Battey (8 0) OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwolser League: New-castle Eagles v Derby Storm (730). Shel-field Sharks v Milton Kaynes Lions (745)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL Kick-off 30 FA CUP: Fifth round: Arsenal v Sheffeld Ltd. Barrsley v Bristol Rovers Eventon v Cov-entry Leeds v Tottenham, Sheffeld Wodnes-day v Chetsea. Huddensteld v Derby

Liverpool West Ham v Northgram Forest NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions Sotton v West Bromach Bradtord v lossed. Briscol City v Sunderland Crystal Palace v Creve. Orderd Ltd v Senndon, Persmonn y Bury. Storopert v Berningnam, Trainmere v Queers Pan Rangers Wolverhampton v Port Vee Socond divisions Boumencush v Manchester City Burrley v Reading, Lincoln v Melvath, Luton v Westhom Magicisted v Dicham, Northampton v Glengham, Nets Coursy v Basespool, Preston v Vivicenther virty v Navall Third divisions. Barnet v Cardill Brendord v Torquey Bigmen v Easter Cambridge Utd v Southerd Harderoo v Dancegon Mansfeld v Leyton Creent Pymbush v Rothernam, Strawsbury v Sosiborough, Swensea v Cardille Barnov v Rothernam, Strawsbury v Sosiborough.

FA CAPLING PREMIERSHIP: Charton of Liverpool West Harry Northgram Forest

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Barrow y Harles Gorcaste y feort. Dover y Hednes-lord. Pamborough y Hereford. Actients y Telizid Nationary y Rushons and Demonds: Morecambe y Chelenham Northwidth y Sestmont. Sevenege y Kingstonien. Wolding y Lees. TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth rounds Ayr v Abrat. Cellis v Dunfermino, Clydebank or Ross Co v Cuson's Park or Dunde Urd. Generot Netron v Cyde Lungston v S. Johnstone Matherwell v Strugston v S. Johnstone Matherwell v Strugston. ingston v S. Johnstone ling: Strenger v Fakely.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division:

Forfor v East File, Inverness CT v Queen of South Third division: Srechm v Dumber-ton, Cowdenbeath v Berweck, Queen's Park v Rocc County. Stenhousemur v Montroso. RUGBY UNION

ALLIED DUNIBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Bedford v Waspo (3 0). Gloucester v Haneguns (3 0). Lecester v London Insh (2 0). London Scoash v Newcastle (3 0). Second division: Bristo v Leets (3 0). Coverty v Backhoath (3 0). Moseley v Rugby (3 0). Forrertern v Orrell (2 15). Welesled v London Welsh Waterlov v Entral (2 15). Worcester v Fylds.

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Herisy v Notrophem (2 16); Lydney v Wharfedale (3 0). Morely v Manchaster (3 0). Newbury v Cambridge (3 1). Orloy v Harrogale (2 15). Reading v Livepook St. Helens, Rosslyn Park v Bermengham Sovinsi Second division north: Finckley v Kendal New Brighton v Sheffield, Nuneaton v Winnington Park, Preston Grasshoppers v Sacquey Park (2 15). Sandal v Waseal (2 15): Stourtinge v Aspatra, Whitefurch v Lichfeld Second divisions south: Barlong v Plymouth. Bindgwater v Weston-super-Mare (3 0). Ciffion v Bracking. Eather v Chelionham (2 0). Hevert v North Washam, Met Folce v Redruth (3 0): Tabord v Norwich (2 15). MPI CUP: Quarter-finalis: Aldwinians v Visit-off 2 30 unless stated

ija Uj. AIB LEAGLE: First division: Ballymens v Buccaneers, Blacknok Coll v Young Mun-ster, Gehregians v Cloritati, Gamyowen v Lanadowne, St Mary's v Shannon: Terenura v Cork Constitution NPI CUP: Quarter-finale: Aldwinians v Maidstone: Barnstaple v Basingstoke, Dud-

ley-kungswinlard v Sevenasies, theston v Driffield TETLEY'S BITTER VASE: Quarter-finals: North: Scarborough v Knotlingley Salini-fians v Heaton Moor South: Billencay v St Just: Old Tiffinians v Avon SWALEC CUP: Pitth round: Cwmbynlei v Portypridd; Llaneli v Ynysylowi; Nantymoe v Bridgend

v Bridgend
WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division:
Neath v Aberavon Piret division: Aberaleny v UWIC. Dument v Burniny, Measteg v
Cross Kays; Newbordge v Merthyr; Poraypool v Llandovery, Tondu v Bonymaen. Tredegar v Bladavod; Treatily v South
Walse Police Walse Polico
TENNENT'S VELVET CUP: Quertertimals: Ketso v Preston Lodge (3.0). Hawick
or Boroughmust v Henot's FP (3.0). Metrose
v Kämarnock (3.0): Stewartry v Galas (3.0)
TENNENT'S VELVET PREMIERISHIPFirst division: Boroughmust v Currle (3.0).
Stefing County v West of Scotland (3.0),
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(3.0).
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RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fourth FA CUP: Fifth nound: Manchester Ltd v round: Sationa v Sheffield (3.0), Leigh MR v Fulhem (2.0); Newcostle v Bladdoum (4.0)

Hull KR (at Leigh, 3.0), Featherstone Lions v Halifex (at Post Office Road, 1.0) OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: BUPA indoor meeting (at National Indoor Arena, Birmingham)

BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Derby Siam v Edirburgh Rocks (7-30), Leiteser-Piders v Gesaler London Loopards (7-30), London Towers v Birmingham Bullets (5-30): Thames Valley Tigers v Sheffeld Sharks (8-0). Worthing Beans v Menchester Gants (8-0).

BOOMG: Telewest Arenet WEO street.

Srans (4.0), wortning Bears v Manchester Glants (8.0).

BOXING: Telewest Arens: WBO super-suidsteweight title: J Calzeghe (Carolfi-holder) v R Red (Runcom) WBO super-suidsteweight title: R Woothali (Tellori) v V Nariello (f) WBO light-middleweight title: H Smon (Namitle) v K Lucsting (Beckenham). WBO heavywelight title: H Hole (Nowich) v D Norris (LS)
HOCKEY: Women'a national league: Premier divisions: Hightown v Leicester (12.0); loswich v Citton (12.0); Stough v Oilon (12.0); Sution v Doncester (11.50).
ICE HOCKEY: Selectural Superleague: Menchester Storm v Ayr Scottish Englis. (7.0); Nottingham Perithers v Bracknell Bees (7.0). Sheffield Stoolers v London Knights (7.0).

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

TENMENT'S SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round: Hamilton v Rangers (6.05) RUGBY UNION

ALLIÉD DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division; Richmond v Sale (3 0); Saracens v West Hartiepool (3.0) RUGBY LEAGUE Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fourth round: Barrow v Legh (2:0), Bradford v Workington: Castledord v Hult: Huddersteld v Swittign: Hurslet v St. Helens: Leeds v Wigen (2:0); London v Doncaster (2:15); Rochdale v York, Warrington v Featherstone Rovers. Whitehawen v Lancashre Lyro. Widnes v Keignley OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL Budwelser League: Orester Jets v Worthing Beers (5.30), Edinburgh Rocks v Milton Keynes Llons (5.0); Man-chester Giznts v Lakcester Riders (7.10) chester Giants v Leicester Riders (7.10)
HOCKEY: Womer's EIA Cup: Fifth
round: Alcholge v Olton. Billinghem v Fyfice.
Leicester, Carletbury v Donossler: Chernslord v Loughborough Students: Cultion v Rouwind, Ealing v Sought Hightown v Tube Hill
Wolding Switter v Bradford
ICE MOCKEY: Sebronde Supertrangue:
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Duty of English clearing bank collecting stolen cheque

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple v Lloyds Bank pic and Another

Before Mr Justice Rix [Judgment January 21]

Where an English clearing bank collected a stolen English cheque marked "a/c payee only", as agent for a foreign collecting bank, whose customer was not the payee of the eheque and who took off with the proceeds, the English clearing bank was liable to the true owner of the cheque.

The Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division so held in allowing a claim by the Honoura-ble Society of the Middle Temple thal Lloyds Bank plc and Seker-bank Turk Anonim Sirketi were lia-ble to Middle Temple in acting neg-ligently in the conversion of Mid-dle Temple's phone e Temple's cheque.

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Mr Antonio Bueno, QC and Mr Jake Davies for the Middle Tem-ple: Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC and Mr William Blair. QC, for Lloyds Bank: Mr Adrian Beltrami for Sek-

MR JUSTICE RIX said that the dispute arose from what was as-sumed to be the theft in the post of a cheque drawn by the Middle Temple payable to its insurers, Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd. in the sum of £183,189,89 and drawn on its bankers Child and Co.

The cheque was dated January 4. 1995, crossed "Not negotiable. A/C payee only". The Cheques Act 1992 had come into force on June 16. 1992 and therefore applied to make such a cheque non-transferable under English law.

On January II, the cheque presented to the Istanbul (4 Levent)

existing customer of that bank. Sekerbank agreed to collect the cheque for Mr Sesen and sent it to Lloyd's Bank for collection.

On January 20, the cheque was debited by Child and Co to the Middle Temple's account. Also on January 20. Lloyds received a urgent message from Sekerbank which stated that its client was in a difficult position and urged them to credit the cheque promptly.

On January 23 it was credited to Lloyds and on January 24 by Lloyds to Sekerbank. On January 25 and 26, Mr Sesen withdrew the majority of the proceeds in cash from the account which it had been permitted by Sekerbank to open to

receive the proceeds of the cheque. On February 13 it was realised that the cheque had gone astray but had nevertheless been paid. Middle Temple and not Sun Alfiance was to be treated as the true owner of the cheque. Banking practice

His Lordship's conclusions derived from the evidence of witnesses as to banking practice were: I Clearing banks continued to recognise a duty to the true owner even in respect of cheques sent for collection by foreign banks, indeed the law demanded that they did so, whitest to their defent they did so, subject to their defence under sec-tion 4 of the Cheques Act 1957. 2 Clearing banks recognised a duty to have regard, within the practical ides of the process, to specific types of danger which came to their no tice, such as that of counterfei

What could be done in all the circumstances to guard against such dangers, and what in any particuregarded as a discharge of their

cheque forms, or fraudulently over-

called Kamil Sesen who was not an dury, was not for his Lordship to

3 As to the question of the identity of the foreign bank's customer in relation to the named payee of an a/c payer cheque, virtually every cheque nowadays, their general practice was to assume that the foreign bank had carried our the necessary inquiries and adopted the necessary precautions, and that that acquitted them of the need to give any similar consideration to

such matters. That assumption was necessitaled by the fact that they were not in a position to know who the foreign bank's customer was, but equally it was based on a belief that the foreign bank was aware of what Eng-lish law demanded.

in the case of the non-transferability of an ale payee cheque following the 1992 Act. Lloyds' two major competitors, but not Lloyds itsell, had informed their correspondent banks, or at any rate those who made major use of their services as ents for collection, of what the Act required.

4 Even though the banks gave no consideration in the ordinary way to the identity of the foreign bank's customer, if anything came to their notice in a particular case, they would make inquiries designed to protect the owner of the cheque. Similarly, if it came to their nonice that a correspondent bank ap-peared not to have regard for its ob-

ligations to the owners of cheques.

they would take steps to put it It seemed to his Lordship that that practice reflected, and was in essence consistent with the judg-ments in Importers Co Ltd v Westminster Bank Ltd (1927) 2 KB 297). having regard to the changes in the law and to the growth of and increased automation applied to that class of business since that time. Was Lloyds liable to Middle Tem-

The dearing bank which acted as agent for collection for another bank or financial institution, such as building society or post office. domestic or foreign, was dealing with a customer which was interposed between it and the ultimate individual customer for whom the cheque was collected.

Although the dearing bank continued to owe a duty, in the Morfa-ni sense [see Marfani and Co Ltd r Midlond Bank Ltd (1968) I WLR 9561) to the true owner of the cheque, it was in general entitled to consider that that duty would be performed by due reliance on its own customer to have regard for the interests of the true owner. since it was only its own customer which was in a position to know the aramstances in which the cheque was brought for collection and the identity of the ultimate cus-

tomer who brought it. However, the extent to which the clearing bank was justified in depending on its own customer in that sense must depend on all the

Where a clearing bank was agent for collection for a domestic bank, it was entirely justified in assurning that the domestic bank know the extent of its own responsibilities for the purposes of collecting an "alc payer" cheque since the enacment of the 1992 Act. Where, however, the clearing bank was acting on behalf of a for-

eign correspondent bank, it did not necessarily follow that it was justfied similarly and to the same extent in assuming that the foreign bank was aware of its responsibili-

The change effected by the 1992 Act was a case in point. Despite what must have been long tarcitianity with the "aic payee" crossing, a neign banker would not have known, without being aware of the 1992 Act itself, that such a crossing now made an English cheque non-

transferable. A foreign bank would not have known, unless it had been aware of the of the 1992 Act that following that Act such a cheque could only be paid to the named payer.

Midland bank thought it right to advise its correspondent banks of the change effected in the 1992 the same. Lloydy thought of doing the same but in the end decided no:

In his Lordship's judgment Midland and Barriays acted predently and Lloyds did not. Lloyds was unable to say that it had followed good banking practice.

In his Lordship's judgment. Lloyds had not shown that it had done what it could have done and. in accordance with good banking actice, should have done to inorm Sekerbank of the effect of the

Lloyds could not sustain the burden of showing that Sekerbank would probably have made the same error if a Lloyds letter had been sent. Lloyds had failed to show that the precaution of a letter in explanation of the 1942 Act would have been of no use and therefore failed to bring itself with-in the statutory defence under section 4 of the 1957 Act.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Goldsmith that an agent for collec-tion like Lloyds owed the same duty to the owner of every chaque, whether it was for \$10 or for

His Lordship was not, however. to be thought of as aureeing that a bank would acquit itself of that duty of care in a particular case concerning a cheque for a very large amount by treating it in exactly the same way as a cheque for a

It might be possible that a cheque for a large amount would come forward in discumstances which, at any rate when that cheate had come to the attention of management would or ought to put the bank on inquiry.

In his Lordship's judgment. Lloyds had failed to prove that it was not put on inquiry. If it had started asking questions of Sekerbank, it seemed obvious that the fraud would have been discovered. It followed that Lloyds could not escape liability to the Middle Tem-

That result properly reflected balance between the interests of the true owners of cheques, the polict of the 1992 Act, the fight against fraud, the interests of the clearing bonks and the importance of their business, and the practicalities of such husiness, all in the context of banking practice. Unds was therefore responsi-

ple for the conversion of Middle Temple's cheque Was Sekerbank liable to the Middic Temple?

It seemed to his Lordship to be the grossest negligence for the 4 Levent branch to accept an English cheque payable 10 an English company in sterling for a large sum of money from a stranger who was no! at that time an existing customes, even if he did come with a reference from a customer, without, as the evidence went him being asked for or supplying a reasona-

wanted a bank to collect it for him. Sekerbank had failed in bring itself within its section 4 of the 1957 Act defence and was liable to Mid-

dle Temple in conversion. Could Sekerbank claim an indemnity from Lloyds on the ground of mandate or on the ground of Lloyds' breach of duty to it?

On the cyldenor of banking prac-

rice as between Sekerbank and Lloyds, it was Sekerhank's duty to ensure that it was collecting for the right customer and true owner. Could Lloyds claim an iodemnity against Sekerbank porsuant to

an implied indemnity or warran-

An important distinction was to be made between the case where the agent was in breach of some duty vis a vis the party which had requested him to act, and the case where the agent was in breach of some duty to a third party. in the former case, there was

good reason to think that the imtended to cover the agent's default vis-à-vis à requesting party.

Where, however, the negligence

the present case, his Lordship did not see why the implied indemnity should not operate, since ex hypoth esi, the agent could only be liable in a case of neglicence.

Where, however, the agent for collection was not in breach of any duty vis-a-vis its corresponden bank, his Lordship did not see why avail the agent, unless of course it had acted in bad faith or in any way which was to its knowledge or manifestly unlawful, or has acted outside its authority.

tomer was entitled to have the pro-ceeds of the cheque paid to him was entirely justified: see Sheffield Corporation v Barclay (1905) AC 392, 402-403), Kai Yung and Others v Hong Kong and Shangai Banking Corporation (1981) AC

787, 789-789]. Where a bank asked its English agent for collection to collect Eng-lish cheques crossed "a/c payee". his Lordship did not understand how without some express disclaimer, it could say that it had not warranted that its customer was

entitled to the proceeds. Therefore, either because of an implied idemnity or because of an implied warranty, but in his Lordship's judgment for both reasons Lloyds was entitled to be indemnified by Sekerbank against its loss hy reason of carrying out Sekerbank's instructions or request.

Contribution Both Lloyds and Scherbank were liable to the Middle Temple in respect of the same damage and his Lordship was entitled to order contribution under section 2(); of the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 on the basis of what was just and equitable.

Where, however, Lloyds was entitled to a complete indemnity, as his Lordship just held, the appropriate order for the purposes of the Act was again a complete indemni-ty, as section 2(2) of the 1978 Act al-lowed, Sekerbank was therefore entitled to no contribution from

Lloyds. In conclusion, Middle Temple had succeeded against both Lloyds and Sekerbank and Lloyds was entitled to a complete indemnity Solicitors: Hardwick Stallards:

Malingering must be pleaded

Cooper v P & O Stena Line any bone or spinal disc. The pain

Belore Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC

|Judgment October 30, 1998] An allegation of malingering in a personal injuries action was a seri-ous allegation of fraud. As such it was required to be specifically pleaded by Order 18, rule 8(1)(a) of

the Rules of the Supreme Court. Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC, sitong as a deputy judge of the High Court in the Admiralty Court, so held, giving judgment for the plain-tiff, John Edward Cooper against the defendant, P & O Stena Line Ltd. for personal injuries suffered as a result of an accident on the defendant's vessel, and awarding damages and ordering indemnity costs against P & O.

Mr Timothy Lord for Mr Cooper: Mr Grahame Aldous for P& O. HER LADYSHIP said that in

sel The Pride of Bruges. On February 22, 1995 Mr Cooper complained to the senior purset that he had suffered an accident while felching plates from the C deck plate house, and had hurt his

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back. He was given painkillers and managed to complete his shift. Mr Cooper completed a standard form accident report detailing the complaint. The following day he went to see his general practi-tioner complaining of terrible pain in his back and down his left leg.

Mr Cooper's case was that while the plate room to collect some plates. As he was leaving, carrying the plates, the vessel lurched unex-

He never returned to work.

The plate room floor was awash with three inches of water, and that caused him to slip. He fell backwards against a large metal plate rack, striking his lower left back in the process.

investigation by his general

persisted. The following year he was referred to a specialist in pain management and was diagnosed as suffering from secondary fibromyalgia, secondary because it was

triggered by the accident, All efforts to relieve Mr Cooper's pain were unsuccessful, Mr Cooper still complained of severe and disabling pain which prevented him from undertaking any sort of work and which had radically changed his life for the worse.

At 4.15pm on the fifth day of the trial P & O withdrew their defence on liability and further withdrew their allegations of contributory P & O further alleged that Mr Cooper ought to have recovered

from his injury by, at the latest, three months after the accident and that since then he had been fabricating his symptoms and his disa-bility, and distorting physical signs September 1994 Mr Cooper was for his own ends:

Employed by P & O as a supernormal That affeguing was maintained to the end. The affeguing was one

to the end. The allegation was one of fraud. It if had been made good Mr Cooper would have been exposed to the possibility of criminal proceedings. Surprisingly, given the serious

nature of the allegation, the body of the defence contained no pleading to support it. Her Ladyship did not consider it satisfactory that an allegation as serious as fraud. which was required by Order 18, rule 8(1)(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to be pleaded, should be capable of ascertainment only by conducting a paper chase through the medical reports. Mr Aldous told the court that it

was not the usual practice to plead malingering. If that were so, the usual practice was in disregard of Order IS, which was itself a reflection of common justice. Her Ladyship had asked for the allegation to be pleaded and given leave for the necessary amendment.

There were respects in which P & O's discovery was unsatisfactory. The most serious was the fail-

on board the vessel who had the task of unblocking drains. From the carpenter's records it appeared that scope for blocking the scupper pipes existed at the ome of the acci-

During the senior purser's evidence it emerged that there was a further record which had not been disclosed, a book in which reported problems were recorded and picked

During the course of the fifth day of trial it was revealed that still further records relating to day-today safety matters existed but had not been disclosed. It was that final revelation

which caused counsel for P & O to ask for a short adjournment and then announce the withdrawal of the defence to liability and contributory negligence. In closing submissions counsel for P& O said that he did not invite

the court to draw any interences from Mr Coopers evidence about the circumstances of the accident. That did not deal sufficiently with It was not right that Mr Cooper and his fellow employees should have been cross-examined in a pub-

lic courtroom on the basis that they were not telling the truth on the various factual issues relating to hability and for there to be no clear decision on the point.

Her Ladyship therefore stated that she found the evidence of Mr Cooper and his fellow employees in relation to the issue of liability was entirely honest. The fact that P

& O failed to prove dishonesty on the part of Mr Cooper as to the issue of liability left them with very little basis for maintaining their allegation of malingering. Nevertheless, they sought to this-credit him by reference 10 various matters. Her Ladyship was not per-

suaded of the merit of any of them. Mr Cooper sansfied her Lady-ship that his pain was genuine, se-vere and disabling. It followed that P & O's case in fraud was rejected. Her Ladyship awarded damag-

es under a number of heads, includestimater a number of neads, includ-ing £30,000 for pain, suffering and loss of amenity in view of the bleak prognosis and the devastating ef-fect the accident had had on Mr

An application was made for costs on an indemnity basis. Under Order 62, rule 3(4) the court had a discretion which could only be exercised if there were grounds which made it appropriate to make such an order. There was a surprising dearth of authority on the principles upon which orders for costs on an indemnity basis should be

The most helpful modern case was Bank of Baroda v Panessar (1987) Ch 335) which established the principle that if a person conducted himself on a wholly false basis, the true state of affairs being within that person's knowledge, or at least capable of ascertainment if properly investigated, and the pro-ceedings were thereby significantly pinioneed and the costs commen-surately increased, the court was entitled to order that person to pay the costs of any party adversely alfected by that conduct on an indem-

nity basis.

The resistance to the case on ila-& O had to abandon on the fifth day of trial. If the case had been properly investigated by P & O, if the senior purser and the duty safety officer had troubled to go and look at the scene of the accident and if they had had regard to the carpenter's records, it seemed very unlikely that liability would have been defended at all.

As far as quantum was con-cerned, the defence was based upon the allegation of fraud which had failed in its endrery, and in her Ladyship's view there had never been sufficient material upon which that allegation could properly be based. In those circumstances t was, unusually, a proper case for costs to be awarded on the indemni-

Solicitors: Argles & Court. Maid-

Both fail honest practice test

Emaco Lid and Another v Dyson Appliances Ltd Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

Dudement January 26 The publication of a misleading document containing a number of false representations about a competitor's product was "otherwise than in accordance with honest

cial matters". Accordingly it fell within the proviso of section 10(6) of the Trade Marks Act 1994 so that the use of publication constituted an infringing use.

practices in industrial or commer-

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division, dismissing reciprocal claims for malicious falsehood brought by the plaintiffs. Emaco Ltd and Akriepolager Electrohor, and the defendants, Dyson Applicances Ltd. but upholding reciprocal claims for in-fringement of trade mark in relation to each party's promotional material.

Section 10 of the 1994 Act provides: "16) Nothing in the precedbe construed as preventing the use of a registered trade mark by any person for the purpose of identify ing goods or services as those of the proprietor or a licensee. But any such use otherwise than in accordance with honest practices in Industrial or commercial maners shall be treated as infringing the registered trade mark if the use without due cause takes unlair advantage of, or is detrimental to, the distinct

mark " Mr Patrick Milmo, QC and Mr Iain Purvis for the plaintiffs: Mr Peter Prescott, QC and Mr Daniel Alexander for the defendants

tive character or repute of the trade

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that the case was about comparative advertising with each side complaining about advertising material put out by the other allegedly containing false comparisons between their respec-

The plaintiffs made electric varyum cleaners under the trade mark "Electrolux". The defendants, Dys-

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on Appliances Ltd. carried on business in competition with Electrolux in the manufacture and distribution of domestic electric vacuum cleaners under the registered trade mark "Dyson".

Electrolux accused Dyson of malicious (alsehood made in relation to statements made by Dyson about Electrolux's "EPS" machine, to the general effect that it was less efficient than a competing product marketed by Dyson and known as the "DCOf". One of statements of which Elec-

trolux complained took the form of a graph published by Dyson purporting to compare the suction power of the EPS unfavourably rith that of the DCOI. Dyson retaliated by counterclaiming for injunctive relief and damages on the ground of malicious falsehood in respect of a flycr

published by Electrolux, compar-ing the DCOI unlavourably with the EPS. As a secondary line of anack both Electrolux and Dyson claimed infringement of trade

mark in relation to the graph and

fiver respectively. In his Lordship's judgment, although neither the graph nor the flyer was published maliciously, each was a thoroughmisleading, containing a number of false representations.

Citing Vodaphone Group plc v Orange Personal Communications Services Ltd (1997) FSR 34) and Cable and Wireless pic v British Telecommunications plc ([1998] FSR 383) with approval, his Lordship said that the test for honest practice in section 10(6) was an objective one.

Given that view, the conclusion was inescapable that in each case the use made of the competitor's trade mark was "otherwise than in accordance with honest practicus In industrial or commercial matters" within the meaning of the pro-

To hold the publication of such documents to be an honest practice would, in his Lordship's view. render the proviso of negligible practical use or effect.

THE SECTIMES

Solicitors: Bristows: Herbert

ure to disclose the carpenter's dia-Intention to possess land by conduct

Prudential Assurance Co Ltd y Waterloo Real Estate Inc Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson. Lord Justice Robert Walker and Lord Justice Tuckey

Judgment January 22] For a claimant to establish the necsary intention to possess land by his conduct, that conduct had to be unequivocal in the sense that his in-tention to possess had been made

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by Prudential Assurance Company Ltd against a decision of Mr Justice Park in the Chancery Division (The Times May 13, 1998) that Waterion Real Estate ine possessed the whole of a seven-metre stretch of wall facing Raphael Street. Knightsbridge, by having

(i) paper title to its northern face. now part of the structure of the

(ii) enjoyed for more than 12 years possession of its southern face adverse to Prudential, the owner of paper offe to its southern face. Mr Timothy Bowles and Mr Robert Clay for Prudential; Mr

Robin Purchas, QC and Mr Guy Newey for Waterloo. LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the judge had rightly identified five conditions for Wa-

terioo to saosiv for adverse posses-(i) the Normandie must have had possession of the southern half of the wall: (iil that possession must have been exclusive; (iii) the paper owner must have been dispossessed or must have discontinued possession; (iv) the Normandie must have had the intention to possess that half of the wall; and (v) the possession must have been adverse possession in the statutory

Mr Bowles submitted, inter alia. that on condition (iv) the judge was wrong to limit the applicability of Mr Nicholas O'Brien for the fa-Mr Justice Slade's test in Powell v McForlane ((1979) 38 P & CR 452,

472) to the case of a conscious tres-

If, and in so far as the judge was suggesting a different test for a case where there was a trespasser who was not aware that he was trespassing, their Lordships would respectfully disagree with the

That would be inconsistent with the approach of the Court of Appeal in Wilson v Martin's Executors (1993) 1 EGLR 178). Mr Purchas submitted that it was only when the conduct of the

claimant was equivocal that the requirement to make plain the claimant's intention to the world arose. Their Lordships thought that the posicion was simpler than that. For a claimant to establish the necessary intention by his conduct. that conduct must be unequivocal in the sense that his intention to possess had been made plain to the

If his conduct had not been made plain, his claim would fail. That, as it seemed to their Lordships, was the clear sense of the passage from the judgment of Mr Justice Slade in Powell (at p472). It would plainly be unjust for the pa-per owner to be deprived of his land where the claimant had not by his conduct made clear to the world including the paper owner, if present at the land, for the requisite period that he was intending to possess the land.

The claimant must, of course, be shown to have the subjective intendon to possess the land, but he must also show by his outward conduct that that was his intention. It was not clear to their Lordships that it was Mr Justice Park's intention to suggest that a different test applied for the unconscious

Mr Bowles further submitted that the paper owner and any given notional member of the world at large must be aware of the true nature of the rights of the paper own-er in the disputed land, as otherwise they could not tell from the conduct of the claimant whether or not he intended to exclude the paper owner from land to which the paper owner was enotted: see the reference by Mr Justice Slade in

Powell (at p478) to "any objective

Their Lordships noted that Mr Justice Slade's words should be un-derstood in context. They provided slight support for Mr Bowles' sug gested principle and their Lord-ships would be reluctant to introduce into that now well-under-stood area of the law further tests, particularly those of an artificial

There mighty be real uncertain ty, incapable of being resolved save by liogation, as to the true nature of the paper owner's rights, but in could not be correct that that could affect a claimant, who with the intention of taking exclusive posses sion overtly treated the disputed

What was important was whether the claimant's conduct was unequivocally that of a person asserting possession to the exclusion of any other or whether it was referable to the rights which the claimans already had: see George Wimpey 8 Co Ltd v Sohn (1967) Ch 487). Solicitors: Lovell White Dur-

No contact presumption

D-R v D-R and Another Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Jostice Brooke and Lord Jus-

tice Clarke [Judgment February 2] There was no presumption of a right to contact between a parent and an adult child, albeit one suf-

fering from mental incapacity. The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal brought by a father against the refusal by Mr Michael Horowitz, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on July 2, 1998, of his application under the inherent jurisdiction of the court and invoking Order 14, rule 16 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, for contact with his daughter.

Mr Nicholas O'Brien for the fa-

mother, Miss Angela Hodes for the guardian ad litem.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the daughter. now aged 19, was born with cerebral palsy with severe impediment of her cognitive and communica-The mother and father never

married but had lived together for

mber of years. They separated

io 1987 and the relationship between the mother and father and also the father and an older child was virtually non-existent. The question for consideration concerning an adult with a disability was whether it was in her best inierests to have contact: see In re F

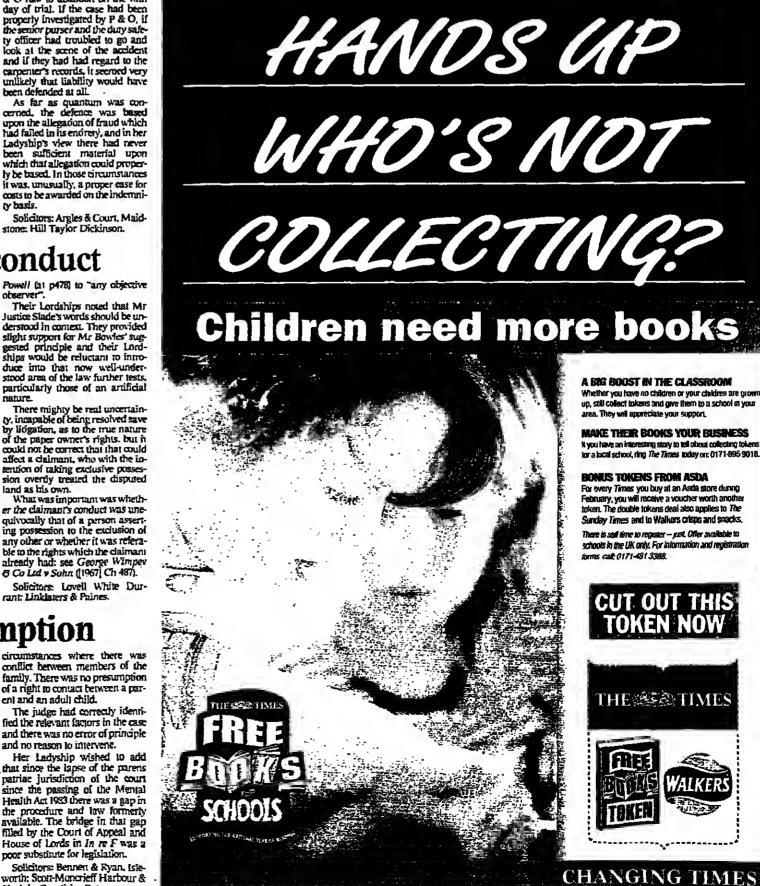
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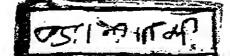
It was necessary to look at all the

circumstances where there was conflict between members of the family. There was no presumption of a right to contact between a parent and an adult child.

The judge had correctly idennfied the relevant factors in the case and there was no error of principle and no reason to intervene. Her Ladyship wished to add that since the lapse of the parens patriae jurisdiction of the court

the procedure and law formerly available. The bridge in that gap filled by the Court of Appeal and House of Lords in In re F was a poor substitute for legislation. Solicitors: Bennett & Rvan, Icla worth: Scott-Monorieff Harbour &





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WEDNESDAY

Interims: BSkyB, Jersey Phoenix Trust, JSB Software Technologies. Finals: Medeva, Scottish American Investment. Economic statistics: Bank of England quarterly inflation report.

THURSDAY

Interims: Armitage Brothers, Brit-ish Telecom (q3). Finals: Britan-nia Smaller Companies Trust, Inn Business Group, Royal Dutch Shell (q4), RPS Group, Economic cs: none scheduled.

FRIDAY Interims: Torex. Finals: Hercules Incorporated. Economic statis-tics: none scheduled.

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MICHAEL CLARK

Clouds gathering over Reuters

REUTERS: Shares in the international news agency and financial information supplier have been riding high, despite the warning in December that 1999 would prove to be another difficult year.

Full-year results due tomorrow are unlikely to contain much to excite the City. Brokers are forecasting a downturn in profits, with the group hit by the world economic slowdown, adverse currency movements and slow growth in its Instinct share trading subsidiary.

Profits at the pre-tax level should come in at between £580 million and £610 million, which compares with £677 million last time. Earnings per share are likely to be unmoved at 29p.

While the group continues to enjoy strong revenue growth, the storm clouds are gathering. The contraction of the financial services market has prompted banks to cancel contracts. Instinct is also un-

der growing competitive pressure.

Shareholders can expect to receive a payout of 14.3p, an increase of 10 per cent.

BRITISH TELECOM: Last week the group cheered the City by announcing plans for a further £5 bil-lion of investment over the next five years io its European networks. But the group is unlikely to offer much cheer when it unveils thirdquarter numbers on Thursday. Brokers are looking for pre-tax

profits before exceptionals of be-tween £730 million and £790 million, against £780 million for the corresponding period.

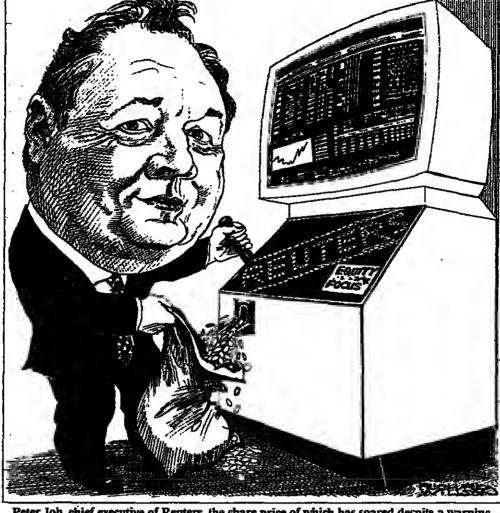
Exceptional costs during the period are forecast at about £20 mil-

lion, relating to the extrication of MCI Communications from BT's concert alliance following its merger with WorldCom. In the same quarter last year BT registered a £238 million exceptional profit relating to fees paid after the breakdown of nego-tiations between BT and MCI.

giving headline pre-tax profits of El billion. BT's domestic performance is expected to be robust. Associate losses are forecast at about £90 million, resulting from start-up operations in Europe. BT's deal with AT&T to form a joint venture company providing international services for corpo-

tory scrutiny.

rate clients is undergoing regula-



Peter Job, chief executive of Reuters, the share price of which has soared despite a warning

world's favourite airline suffered from a bad case of turbulence last year. This was reflected in the share price, which went into a nosedive midway through.

So, it seems unlikely that thirdquarter results, due out tomorrow, will give shareholders much to cheer. BT Alex Brown has been moved to downgrade its profit forecasts for both the current year and 2000 after recent poor traffic numbers. This time it is predicting a drop in pre-tax profits from £339 million to £245

Premium traffic dropped 4 per cent, while economy class was up almost 13 per cent. Currency factors will have continued to take a some of the most sweeping restructoll on profitability, with the turing programmes in its BRITISH AIRWAYS: The group's exposure to the yen likely 100-year history, including a \$4.5

to make a dent of £130 million. The payout is expected to grow from 4.7p to 5.2p.

SHELL TRANSPORT & TRADING: The falling oil price will leave a sizeable scar when the oil group unveils final results on Thursday.

Analysts are looking for a drop in net profits from \$1.68 billion (£1 billion) to between \$855 million and \$1.13 billion. The group made \$841 billion in the third quarter. The results will reflect low oil prices, falling global demand for the group's products and massive restructuring costs.

In. December, Shell unveiled

hillion restructuring charge, the sale of 40 per cent of its worldwide chemicals operations and wider-ranging reductions in operating costs and capital expenditure. The group also ruled out the need for a merger, bucking the sector trend, which has seen British Petroleum merge with Amoco and Exxon propose a merger with Mobil.

A final dividend of between 8p and 8.75p is on the cards.

LLOYDS TSB: the first of the banks to reveal its results next week, is expected to announce profits in the range of £2.9 hillion to £3.2 billion, compared with about £3.1 billion fast year. Profits were dented by the pen-sions mis-selling scandal. The

in at between £90 million and £100 million, which compares with £128.6 million last time.

Earnings per share will also have declined by almost 40 per cent to about 4p.

The payout is likely to be pegged at 2.75p. There is unlikely to be any fresh news on the group's attempt to takeover Manchester United, a move that has

been referred the Monopolies

bank is expected to reveal that

compensating those that have

been mis-sold a personal pension

will cost £200 million to £300 mil-

lion, as the pensions industry

gears up to the second phase of

Lloyds TSB, in common with

all the banks, faced pressure on

margins last year, as the mutual

building societies grabbed the

lion's share of the mortgage mar-

ket by offering cheaper deals. The bank, through C&G, its

mortgage subsidiary, suffered as a result. The mortgage market in total grew by only 6 per cent last year, or £26 billion in total, with

new entrants, such as Standard

Life, taking increasing chunks of

However, Lloyds TSB looks un-

likely to have too much exposure

to last year's problems in the

emerging markets of the Far East and South America. Other banks, such as Barclays.

through its Barclays Capital, and

HSBC and Standard Chartered,

have much greater exposure to

BSKYB: It will be the digital

numbers that claim centre stage

rather than the profit numbers

when the satellite broadcaster

unveils interim results on

The company, 40 per cent owned by News International,

owner of The Times, is expected

comfortably to exceed the 200,000 subscribers originally

targeted for the end of 1998. It is

also hoped that at least a quarter

of that number will be new cus-

Mike Hilton, an analyst with

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the

hroker, said that it is crucial that

new-to-Sky" customers account

for about 30 per cent of the digital

total in the three-month period.

In the meantime, the start-up

costs of digital will have hit prof-

its for the group as a whole. Pre-

tax profits are expected to come

problems in this area.

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

On trail of clues to cuts

fter last week's surprise half-point cut in interest rates, the market will be desperate to learn whether the Bank of England now intends to pause for reflection or is intent on sending rates lower than most analysis have been predicting.

The Bank's Quorterly Inflation Report. to be published on Wednesday, will provide a strong clue as to the Monetary Policy Committee's current thinking, with economists expecting a sharp downgrade in the Bank's forecasts for growth and greater comment on the downside risks to inflation.

There is only a smattering of UK data during the week to throw light on the current economic position. Today, the industrial production figures will confirm that the manufacturing sector continues to struggle and will move closer officially to placing the sector in recession. The City is forecasting a 0.2 per cent contraction in manufacturing output in December, leaving the annual rate also in negative territory, with a 0.2 per cent drop predicted. A fall in energy output, be-cause of mild weather, should also result in a decline in overall industrial production. Producer prices data, also released today. will continue to show manufacturers facing price deflation. Factory gate prices are expected to show no increase in January, leaving the annual rate of growth also at zero. input prices will continue to fail. MMS International, the economics forecasting group. is predicted raw material prices will show a monthly rise of 0.5 per cent, leaving prices year-on-year some 6.9 per cent lower.

In the US. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, will again be the centre of attention when he appears before the House Banking Committee on Thursday. With US growth continuing to surprise on the upside, analysts will be anxiously watching for any sign that the Fed is now considering tightening rates as a pre-emptive blow against renewed inflation. The US retail sales data, which are published on the same day, will show US consumers still spending strongly, with retail sales expected to record a monthly rise of 0.3 per cent.
In Europe, the German industrial output

and noemployment figures could add to the current gloom over the health of the euro-

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

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Power sector awaits More deals court verdict on pension surpluses

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

THE Court of Appeal will reveal this week whether electricity companies or their employees have won the latest round in an epic battle for control of up to £2 billion of "surplus" money generated by their industry's pension fund.

The court is expected to deliver its ruling on Wednesday on the lengthy legal dispute between National Grid and two of its former employees over the way it used pension surpluses in the early 1990s. Ownership of pension sur-

pluses has become an increasingly vexed issue in industrial relations in recent years as strong stock market growth has seen many company pension schemes make far more money from their investments than they need to meet their obligations to pensioners.

The verdict on the National Grid - which controversially used £46.3 million of surplus

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pension money to fund a programme of early redundancies will have an immediate impact on a number of similar cases pending in other industries. However, its significance is greatest for the electricity sector. After a last-minute rule change last year, a National Grid victo-



ry would allow other power companies to stop contributing towards their workers' pensions altogether. The case began two years ago when former National Grid employees David Laws and Reg Mayes won a landmark victory. The pensions om-budsman. Dr Julian Farrand. ruled that the privatised power

indicated it will apply for leave to go to the House of Lords.

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firm had wrongfully misused the surpluses for its own benefit.

The verdict shocked the 21 other privatised electricity gener-ators, many of which had exploited more than £1 billion of surpluses from the industry's Electricity Supply Pension Scheme, which controls over £15.5 billion of assets for 200,000 members. National Grid appealed, however, and last year succeeded in overturning the ombudsman's decision in the High Court. If the pensioners' appeal goes against it, National Grid has indicated it will apply for lease

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expected as French defence firms link

FROM ADAM SAGE

THE French Government has finalised the merger between Aérospatiale and Matra Hautes Technologies that is likely to presage the next round of European defence and aero-space industry restructuring.

The deal, which will take the state-owned Aérospatiale into the private sector, will be announced this week, barring last-minute difficulties, according to Alain Richard, the French Defence Minister. Executives of the new group

are likely to open talks with their compatriots at Thomson-CSF. the defence electronics group, with a view to creating a French "champion" to rival the British giant formed by British Aerospace and GEC. A second option under con-

sideration is for Aérospatiale-Matra to link up with Daimler-Chrysler (Dasa) of Germany. The terms of the Aérospatiale privatisation will go some way towards clarifying

the future of a continental defence industry that has not yet got over its anger at the deal between BAe and GEC. Matra Hautes Technologies, the defence division of the private Lagadère group,

will get about 33 per cent of the new group, and Aérospatiale's employees about 5 per cent. The French Government originally planned to keep 46 to 48 per cent of the capital and float the rest on the stock exchange. But Dasa will not contemplate a tie-up with Aérospa-

tiale-Matra unless the French

state reduces its stake further. There is political pressure in Paris for a link-up between Aérospatiale-Matra, which will have an annual revenue of about Fr81 billion (£8.4 billion), and Thomson-CSF, which has a turnover of about Fr38 billion.

With stakes of more than 40 per cent in both groups, the Government could force a merger as a "response to English nationalism". But the groups' executives would resist any such move, pre-

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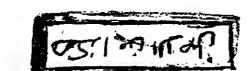
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THETACTS

Sales: £914 million for the year ending December 31, 1997. Results for 1998 to be announced on February 25. Pre-tax losses: £139 mil-

ers: 2.16 million in the UK, of which 487,000 are pre-pay, at December 31, 1998. In addition, the company has 234,000 subscribers in France and 266,000 in Germany at June 30, 1998.

Market value: £10,4 billion. Employees: 5,000.

THE BOARD

ange is Hams Snook, 50, who was born in Germany, but brought up in Canada. Mr Snook is a graduate of the University of British Columbla in Vancouver and launched his career in the ca-

tering industry.

Mr Snook later moved to Hong Kong, where he ran a telephone paging service for Hutchison Whampoa, the investment group. In 1993 Mr Snook to London to launch its UK mobile phone

company, Orange. Orange has only two other executive directors: its 37-year-old finance director, aham Howe, and Colin

Mr Howe was appointed in 1996 after working as finance director for Hutchison's telecoms business in the UK.

Mr Tucker, Orange's 54-year-old technical and operations director, is a former industrial professor at the University of Loughborough. He joined the company In 1991 after holding several engineering-related positions at Plessey Telecoms.

In addition, Orange has nine non-executive directors. most of whom represent the company's largest shareholders, Hutchison Whampoa and British Aerospace.

These non-executives include Canning Fok, managing director of Hutchison Whampoa and Orange's chairman, and Richard Lap-thorno, finance director of

Orange also boasts three heavyweight bankers as nonexecutive directors: John Bond, chief executive of HSBC: Paul Myners, chief executive of NatWest Wealth erton, chairman of the executive committee of CIBC.

f any company in the FTSE 100 could define the corporate spirit of the 1990s it would probably be Orange. Britain's third-largest mobile phone company is staffed mainly by call centre operators, it has never made a profit, yet it has a stock market value of more than £10 billion. The company's brand alone made famous by the classic marketing slogan "the future's bright, the future's Orange" has been individually valued

at £1.8 billion. Yet, at present, it is far from certain whether the future will be bright or indeed Orange. As far as the company's profit and loss account goes, it is more likely to be red, at least until next year. Given this tentaove financial position, and compeddon from the mighty £67 billion combination of Vodafone and AirTouch, some believe that Orange may even face a long-term future as part of a different organisadon.

Orange was created in 1994 by Hutchison Whampoa the Hong Kong investment group controlled by the billion-aire tycoon Li Ka-shing - and British Aerospace. The launch of the company was an enormous gamble for Hutchison, which had already failed to break into the UK mobile phone market with a doomed venture called Rabbit a year

earlier.

Before Orange launched. many thought the British mobile phone market - which at that time had just two million customers - was already too crowded. That prediction turned out to be very wrong: a staggering 2.5 million mobile phones were sold this Christmas alone. Orange did, however, face stiff competition: Vodafone and Cellnet were already established and One2One had just been launched. Yet Orange was convinced there was a place for a mobile phone group with a strong, aspirational brand, which differentiated itself from the competition with innovative services.

Hans Snook, then head of Hutchison's telecoms interests in the UK, was hired to run the company. Although Snook was virtually unknown in the City, he had impressed Hutchison with his work in Hong Kong's paging and cellular market. Mr Snook, then 45, also fitted the Orange image perfectly: in fact, he still often wears jeans and a leather

iacket to work. Orange immediately made its mark on the UK telecoms market by launching services such as per-second billing, call-er identification, free insurance and a selection of five different tariffs. However, this was all necessary for Orange

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Orange has taken great care over its image, from its striking advertising campaigns, top right, to its efforts to disguise its mobile phone masts or hide them in church spires. Hans Snook has overseen its emergence as Britain's third-largest mobile phone company, which is mainly staffed by call centre operators

to lure customers away from its larger rivals at a time when its oetwork covered only half the UK's population.

Orange has since built Britain's biggest network, in physi-cal terms, with 5,000 cell sites (mobile phone masts), By 2001 the company aims to have increased this number to 10.000. As part of this enormous rollout programme, Orange decided to launch the Millennium Landmark Initiative (supported by the Prince of Wales) to find ways of making mobile phone masts less ugly. Opinion is still divided, however,

Orange's network now cov-

ers 98 per cent of Britain's population and 80 per cent of its geographic area — still less than odafone and Cellnet, but significantly more than One2 One. However, the capacity and quality of the network is very high: a recent Oftel report cess rate" - ie, how many times customers make calls without being cul off, - was

significantly better than any of il competitors in the UK.

Orange's strong brand and high-tech network, plus the backing of Hutchison and BAe, helped the company to float successfully on the stock market in April 1996 at 205p a share, valuing it at £2.45 bil-lion. Today, Orange's shares trade in the region of 860p, val-uing it at £10.4 billion. On flo-

more attractive all the time."

tation, Hutchison reduced its stake to 49 per cent, while BAE sold down to about 21 per cent, later reducing this again to about 5 per cent.

Orange shareholders have a hefty presence on the compa-ny's board, resulting in a large number of non-executive directors. Indeed, there are only three executive directors: Mr Snook, Graham Howe, fi-

Jim McCafferty, SG Securities

WHATTHE EXPERIES SATES SATES

"If I was Hotchison Whampos (Orange's 49 per cent share holder, I think I would be extremely pleased with the way my lavestment in the UK colleter industry has gone, But

everyone has a price and, with the feeding frenzy that's

going on in the industry right now, that price is getting

Orange is still going for the kind of customer that stays

longer and spends more, while everyone else is seeing a

fall in average customer spend. You should not underesti-

mate the relationship Orange has with Hutchis

nance director, and Colin Tucker, technical and operations director. Canning Fok, director Hutchison, is non-executive chairman, with Hutchison employees filling three other non-executive positions.

Mr Snook believes that both Hutchison and BAe could eventually reduce their stakes in Orange further, which would inevitably have an impact on the company's board structure. He says: "BAe likes the business and said that they are long-term holders of stock. But this is not a core business for them. Hutchison is committed to telecoms and has always said they will have large holdings in Orange because of that. But would they sell down their holding to 40 per cent? I suppose that's very possible. it's also possible that they might take BAe's stake."

At present, the City seems to though there has been some grumbling over the company's late adoption of pre-pay services, which are proving hugely popular, and the company's belated introduction of more competitive pricing. Orange's customer service is also suffering from serious problems, with customers waiting up to 25 minutes for a response from its help desk.

Overall, though, Orange's ability to attract high-spending customers and keep them has impressed the City. In fact, Orange's "churn" rates of customers leaving the network are far below those of its rivals. Mr Snook is still suspicious of the quality of pre-pay customers. He says: The key to customer loyalty is having a relationship with your customer. We're the only people who even get the names and addresses of pre-pay customers. The good thing about pre-pay is what it has done for perception rather than reality."

The year ahead will be a testhave to cope with aggressive price competition from Vodafone AirTouch although Mr Snook believes that the cost of the merger will make the expanded company more conservative on pricing.

Orange will also see its brand launched in Germany and France, where it does not own its own networks, but instead operates "virtual networks" by bulk-buying air time from rivals. Orange will also launch branded services in Belgium and Switzerland in partnership with other compa-nies. In addition, Orange has licensed its brand to operators in Israel and Hong Kong. However, analysts argue that this strategy is rather messy. and they are not convinced of the logic behind Orange providing services in countries where it does not own net-

Integrity Works says that the company's published materials relating directly to ethical expression are short of best practice, bearing in mind today's climate in which many leading companies are ar pains to explain their approach to these matters in detail. But it has plans to deal more fully with these issues.

According to Crisp Consulting, Hans Snook's relative inexperience indicates that he should receive remuneration equalling two thirds of his £1.15 million a year, while the non-executive directors are un-

Serious questions remain over Orange's ability to compete internationally by itself, and its ability to bid for the next generation of mobile phone licences - expected to be auctioned by the Government next year - which could cost in the region of £500 million each. Still, the company has survived so far against al the odds, and it has the financial might of Hutchison behind it. Orange also owns one of the most sophisticated networks - and established brands - of any operator in Europe. The future may not be certain, but it does look bright.

CHRIS AYRES

Ethical expression' ... Fat-cat quotient2..... Financial record..... Share performance.....9/10 Attitude to staff....... Strength of brand......9/10 mnovation... Annual report.... City star rating......8/10 Future prospects...

Underground to be extended with private funds

By MARTIN WALLER

LONDON TRANSPORT IS seeking private funds to extend the Underground into southeast London, an area that has previously been largely shunned by the Tube. The organisation is working

on four options to extend the

East London line, which currently runs as far south as New Cross, by the year 2004. All four of these options will be put to John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, some time this summer,

ly in favour if the necessary funding can be found. ther as a public-private part-nership or as a private finance

The intention is that the selected scheme will be built ei-

but the Government is broad-

Both options would require some investment from engineering or construction compa-

nies with experience in rail-

There are already plans to extend the line northwards to Highbury & Islington station. and planning consent for this

has been sought.
The new line to the south would share existing overground railway lines and use existing rail stations, so minimising the cost.

But the track would have to be upgraded and some of it removed or resited, and there would be further building work at the stations.

The four options, all starting from the Surrey Quays tube stadon near the end of the existing East London line, are: ☐ A line through Dulwich and Tooting to Wimbledon. ☐ One through Dulwich and

Clapham Junction.

☐ Through Sydenham and Anerley to East Croydon

The four London councils whose territory the line would cross, are all in agreement

vinced the project is feasible and could start as soon as clearance comes from the Government and the new Mayor of London once he or she is in

because of the inevitable disruption as lines are modified. London Underground has said it is keen to press ahead

Crystal Palace to East Croy-☐ Through Denmark Hill to

about the plans.

London Underground is con-

The scheme will also require detailed planning permission

with the necessary planning South of the Thames lost out to a great extent when the Underground network was gradu-

ally being built because it was felt already to be well served with overground lines.



Stagecoach's commuter-rich South West Trains territory faces competition from GB Railways, which runs Anglia

Stagecoach's SWT faces challenge

By Fraser Nelson

STAGECOACH is to have its control over the lucrative South West Trains franchise broken by GB Railways, a £16 million minnow that runs the Anglia Railways network. Tim Clarke, Anglia's man-

aging director, is planning to launch an attack on SWT's commuter-rich territory using new trains that will be leased from Stagecoach's Porter-brook subsidiary.

The result is likely to be a

fight for commuters on the coveted Southampton to Lonin the SWT network.

Anglia, GB Railways' only UK franchise, is planning its new service under the Moderation of Competition scheme drawn up during privatisation which will allow train operators to venture outside their

own territory. So far, competition has been allowed in only the few areas where franchises overlap. However, from Sep-tember, train companies will be able to poach passengers in the middle of a rival's patch if they can prove that there is a gap in the market.

Meridien to open for Sydney **Olympics**

BY DOMINIC WALSH

GRANADA'S Méridien Hotels chain has won a contract to operate a five-star hotel in

Sydney.

It is scheduled to open in February 2000, in time for the Olympic Games.

The A\$120 million (£47.4 million) property is being developed by Singatronics, which has interests in three other hotels in Australia and is listed on the Singaporean stock

The 34-storey hotel will have

ness club. News of the contract win comes hard on the heels of Méridien's selection to operate a 350-room hotel opening in San Diego in 2001 as part of a US\$90 million retail and lei-

sure development.

Both projects are significant moves for the chain in countries where it has recognised it has too limited a presence.

Elsewhere, the company has recently signed seven nev hotel contracts in Egypt and one in Bethlehem.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 39 FRIGORIFICO

(c) In South Africa, a meat-packing plant, especially one concerned with the freezing of carcasses for export. In American-Spanish the name means literally a refrigerator. "We passed several cattle barges on our journey up the river, most of them taking cattle to the frigorificos near Rosario."

COTHAM

(b) Limestone. The toponym of a village near Bristol. It is the name of an argillaceous limestone having dendritic markings, also called landscape marble or stone. "One band of limestone, the fascinating Cotham marble, was often seen polished in fragments on Victorian mantlepieces."

(a) An Indian stringed instrument with three or four strings, and extra sympathetic strings. The Bengali name. The Esraj is a

long and narrow bowed stringed instrument used mainly in Ben-

(a) In theology, applied to knowledge of God obtained by way of negation. The Greek word means negative or denial. "Apophati-cism is, above all, an attitude of mind which refuses to form con-

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1. Qxh8+!Bxh8; 2, Rxf7+Kg8; 3, Nh6 checkmate.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

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STOCK MARKET

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Principal shows 23% profit rise

BY DOMINIC WALSH

day unveil a 23 per cent jump in 1998 profits to £19.2 million · some £7.4 million higher than two years ago when it was forced to abandon a planned £150 million flotation.

Outstripping some of its publicly quoted rivals, Principal's 18 mainly four-star hotels lifted the crucial room yield by 15 per cent to £39.32, with occupancy slightly higher at 73.9 per cent and the average room rate up 15 per cent to £53.23. Stripping out the effect of acquisioons and disposals, like-

for-like sales were 9 per cent

higher, with total turnover

reaching £66.9 million. Capi-

tal expenditure increased from

68.5 million to £11 million. In

PRINCIPAL HOTELS will to- the first quarter of the current year, operating profits are running 22 per cent higher. Tony Troy, managing direc-

tor, hinted that a rumoured £60 million deal to acquire the Russell Hotel in London from Granada was now unlikely. but he added: "We are still actively looking at potential ac-quisitions in London." He said that the group was

also keen to boost its overseas presence. It has three properties in Amsterdam, Dublin and Copenhagen, and is targeting European cities including Berlin, Paris and Brussels. He admitted that a floration was "a possibility", but said

that investors still wanted to

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LineOne to challenge Net rivals

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

LINEONE, the Internet service provider backed by BT, United News & Media and News International, the owner of The Times, is suppling up the competition in the cut-throat online marketplace with one of the largest-ever newspaper promotions in the UK.

Up to six million readers of the Daily Express. The Sun and The Sunday Times will be given free compact discs in a marketing offensive due to start next month. The free CDs will contain software enabling the newspapers' readers to surf the Internet if they have a suitable computer.

The company has also decided to abandon its policy of charging a monthly subscrip-tion fee and offer Internet access free to the public instead. In future it will concentrate on raising advertising revenue.

The move is a direct response to the success of free Internet service providers such as Dixons Freeserve which alone has attracted 900,000 users since its launch last year. Freeserve's progress has dwarfed LineOne, which in

Arkit

the past two years has attracted just 100,000 subscribers who pay between £5 and £15 a month for the online service.

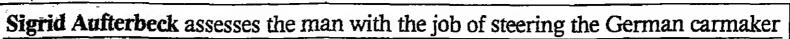
However, by "leveraging its media assets" LineOne clearly hopes it can rise to the crest of the Internet wave. The new medium is becoming increasing-ly popular and is now used by an estimated eight million peo-ple in the UK.

Last year, when it was still charging a fee for its service. LineOne generated 28,000 new subscribers when it distributed 1.5 million CDs to readers of The Sunday Times. This was deemed a huge suc-cess as the CDs cost just a few pence to produce.

A central part of LineOne's campaign will be that it offers free Internet access and free content, the latter being the ability to read the many publications of the two media

groups behind the company.

Although LineOne will be free it will charge 50p a minute for people who ring up its helpline. This practice has come under the scrutiny of Oftel, the





Academic in the hot seat at BMW

WHEN Joachim Milberg was asked to Step into the breach as chief executive of machine fitter before studying produc-BMW he had little time to think. The oon technology. After heading Gilderivalry between Bernd Pischetsrieder meister, a middle-sized tool manufacturand Wolfgang Reitzle hao just forced er. for nine years. Professor Milberg reboth to resign from the BMW manage- turned to academia in 1981 to become ment board. Yet Professor Milberg still took a moment to consult his wife.

This detail from Friday's turbulent seven-hour meeting displays one char- BMW managers, including Bernd Pisacteristic of Professor Milberg: he seeks chetsrieder, Wolfgang Reitzle and Proconsensus and does not make decisions against fierce opposition.

Quandt family that controls BMW.

But some are already worrying that this approach may be a severe weak-ness in tackling Rover, the solution to whose problems is likely to include heavy redundancies.

This approach may be a severe weak-know that the sword of Damocles has not been lifted. His priority is to end Rover's heavy losses. Bill Morris, gener-

itself poorlyprepared for the cyclical slowdown of the industry. Its survival as an independent company was openly questioned at the weekend by Robert relationship with the unions if he is to Eaton, president of DaimlerChrysler.
On the plus side, Professor Milberg's

background qualifies him to tackle Rover's efficiency and quality prob-lems. As head of engineering and production at BMW, he created one of the world's most productive and efficient plants in Regensburg, and organised production in BMW's US plant in Spartanburg. South Carolina.

professor for machine tools and operations research at Munich Technical University - the alma mater of many fessor Werner Samann, who is head of

Rover. It was this that made him acceptable board in 1993 as a head of production. Reitzle, the original favourite of the and last year took responsibility for

The British unions, although relieved To make maners worse, BMW is al secretary of the TGWU, is seeking an

prove himself as the strategist needed to head a leading carmaker.

In appointing him, the Quands family has recognised its weakness in the face of opposition from the German unions. The family's spokesman reiterated the family's commitment to BMW over the weekend. But BMW now looks much more vulnerable to

Suitors set to bid for RAC arm

Lex Service, the motor group, and Cinven, the venture capital firm, are said to be drawing up bids of up to £400 million for the Royal Automobile

Club's motoring services arm. The news comes after Stephen Byers, the Trade Secretary, last week blocked the RAC's £450 million deal to sell the business to Cendant. the US services group. After the DTI decision, the RAC said h would either go public or find another buyer willing to table a "kneck-out" offer.

Offer for FKI failed Jeff Whaltey, retiring chair-man of FKI, the engineering to materials handling group.

mounted an unsuccessful attempt to take the firm private last year, it has emerged. Mr Whalley, who surprised the City two weeks ago by announcing he would step down in July, made a £t.1 billion bid for the group in October. FKt's non-executive directors rejected the proposal.

Threat to Lucas jobs TRW, the US car components group, has admitted "some redundancies" are inevitable if its £4 billion offer for Lucas-Varity succeeds. TRW issued its offer document at the week end. Federal-Mogul of the US is considering a counter bid for the group.

Joachim Milberg consulted his wife before agreeing to the appointment telecoms regulator. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON Price With Yid DIRECTORS of Axon Group, an information technology 24 31 36 24 consultancy, paid themselves £660,000 in bonuses last year 162 in the run-up to a planned £100 million flotation. 36 85 3.5 Mark Hunter, Axon's ... 3.B 6.2 36-year-old founder, and his colleagues will be among exist-ing shareholders who hope to sell £15 million of shares in a placing next month. The firm, specialists in adapting SAPs business software, intends to 20 raise another £15 million in new money.

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Axon chiefs get £660,000 bonus

BY PAUL DURMAN

The bonus payments depressed Axon's pre-tax profits in 1998 from the underlying level of £2.5 million. This was achieved on sales that doubled to £20 million.

Mr Hunter started Axon, based in Egham, Surrey, only four years ago. He used to work for SAP, whose software is used to integrate finance, ales and manufacturing in formation within large organisations. He currently has a stake of more than 30 per cent.

Internet and the opportunities for e-commerce. The company has appointed Barbara Thomas, deputy chairman of Friends Provi-

Axon is now focusing on helping its clients to exploit the

dent, as chairman. WestLB Panmure will act as sponsor and broker to the placing, scheduled for next month. A pathfinder prospec-tus will be available shortly. TT accuses Hall of over-optimism

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

TT GROUP, the engineering firm bidding £52 million for Hall Engineering, has accused its target of over-optimism in its profit forecast.

Hall Engineering rejected last month's 97p per share offer as 'unsolicited and unwelcome". Hall shares have since risen to 120p, giving it a market value of £64 million, prompt-ing speculation of further bids.

John Newman, TT's executive chairman, said: "If it wasn't for our bid, the shares would still be at the 70p level. The market is always going to pre-empt counter-bids and we are prepared for that eventuality."
Since February last year, an-

alysts have halved their fullyear profit forecasts for Hall

from about £20 million to £10 million. However, in its interim trading statement for the six months to June 30, Hall stated: "1998 is going to be a difficult year, although there are signs of a modest improvement in the second half."

Since the bid was made, PDFM has lifted its stake in TT from 5 per cent to 11 per cent via a 6 per cent holding bought from Hill Samuel Asset Management

Hall's managing director John Sword, said a sharp rise in the shares merely reflected "value" investors picking up shares. Hall is understood to be considering a management buyout as a means of fighting off the rival bid.



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Hard times await the money men

ou had better be pre- the result that although savpared for low interest rates. In my view, base rates are on course to hit 4 per cent by the end of the year, and, over time, they may trend even lower. After almost three decades of very high rates, this would imply a massive change with conse-quences for all parts of the economy, but particularly for the financial sector.

High interest rates, and the high inflation that underpins them, have made it easier for providers of financial services to earn big profits. If mortgage holders are paying 12 per cent and savers are getting only 10 per cent, not many savers are going to complain. But if mortgage holders are paying 7 per cent and savers getting 5 per cent, even though the margin is the same, savers will be unhappy. In fact, most depositors are already earning far less than 5 per cent. ff this is what it is like when base rates are 5.5 per cent, imagine what will happen when they reach 4 per cent. Are savers to be paid next to nothing

That is exactly what happens in Japan. One way out here could be for intermediaries to try to pass on an obstinately high cost of deposits to

for their mooey?

ers' deposit rates held up well against falling base rates, the margin between base rates and mortgage rates in-creased. This conclusion would be supported by the view that mortgage borrowing is currently cheap. Granted the traditional British view of housing as an investment, if base rates fell to the levels t suggest, then this could imply a surge in mortgage demand. In that case, it might be easy for mortgage providers to maintain margins by keeping

lending rates relatively high. But such thinking is a lega-cy from the time when rapid inflation meant that the real value of mortgage debt would be easily eroded. The salaries from which mortgages would be paid would rise sharply year after year without fail, and the value of property would shoot up. Moreover, until recently, the tax privileges for mortgage borrowers were enormous. In today's conditions, how-

ever, with pay rising by 4 per cent if you are hicky, and even this rate looking to turn down, and with house price inflation easing back, a 7 per cent mortgage is expensive. Furthermore, the penny is beginning to drop with borrowers just when the market is be-



coming more competitive any-

Similar logic applies to the and this includes Peps and their replacements, as well as conventional managed pension funds. Imagine you have been lucky enough to enjoy a 15 per cent rise in the value of your investments managed by professional fund managers. For their services, they charge you, let us say, I per cent. You surely will not like this cost (if you notice it), but at least you are left with a handsome net profit.

Now suppose that the value of your investments rises by only 3 per cent and your friendly fund managers still want to charge you I per cent. How will you feel then? And, although we all know that eq-uities always go up, just imag-

fund managers still wanted to charge you I per cent. tt may seem odd that these

pressures should emerge only now. After all, inflation has been on a falling trend since 1980. However, not every part of the economy adjusts smoothly and instantane-ously, interest rates have been the prime weapon used to control inflation. That has meant that not only have they had to be high enough to compensate for inflation, but they have had to be even higher, in order to bring down inflation.

ven with the advent of low inflation in the past few years, the monetary authorities have been watchful for resurgence, and so they have continued to keep rates high. Only now that they have woken up to the danger that inflation may easily fall below 1.5 per cent, and that it may give way to deflation, do we see rates coming down with a bump.

In investment manage ment, the full impact of low inflation has been disguised by the huge bull market in equities, which has generated large real renums from which the managers' margins could be paid. Forgive me for being

down for a change - and the this cannot continue. Even if we manage to escape a sharp fall in share prices, which I doubt, it is hard to see how real price performance can begin to match the past ten years. And with next to no inflation, this means that the return in money terms will be very small indeed. It will then be difficult to disguise the current level of charges, and people will ask what they are getting for their money.

Dramatic changes in the economy take time to have their full effect. In Britain, an early casualty of the disinfla-tionary process has been manufacturing industry, put into the front line of the battle against inflation by high interest rates and strong sterling.

Meanwhile, providers of financial services thrived,

helped by the high interest loathed. Now their high margins are threatened not only by more intense compention, but also by the stripping away of layers of money illusion. The result will be a prolonged squeeze across much of the financial services sector, involving intense pressure to cut costs, shed jobs and pay people less generously. I can just imagine your

TELEVISION CHOICE

Purpose-built nightmares

Raising the Roof . BBC2, 8.00pm

The reporter Paul Kenyon, who has consistently opened cans of worms in this invaluable series. takes his hidden cameras into brand new properties where, you might think, nothing could be wrong if the promised experts have been on site during the building. But listen to Bill and Jenny, who have just moved into a new row built by one of who have just moved into a new row built by one of the country's top firms: "You don't expect loos, pipes and radiators to go wrong," says Jenny — buil, demonstrably, they have. Kenyon is assured by the NHBC (National House Building Council, the industry's regulatory body) that such faults in a new property are extremely rare. But are they? Privately, an independent inspector and a highly experienced builder go undercover on 21 different sales where, it seems. NHBC observers have been thin on the ground and brickies in a hurry have thin on the ground and brickies in a hurry have been putting up faulty lintels (on 29% of the proper-ties) and leaving dangerous wall cavities (71%).

Cutting Edge: Mummy's Boy

Blackpool, London, Brighton: three venues, three Blackpool, London, Brigmon, three venues, three mothers without partners but with live in sons different enough to spark an intriguing study in relationships. Derek, 16, is a comman in the making, "He's two kinds of people," says his patient mother, Deborah. "One is a little darling, the other an absolute butter." The viewer will not be in two minds about him. In London the lovehate pair Ranna and Simeon makes for uncomfortable in termina. Became is medically consessing and nate pair Rama and Simeon makes for incomfort-able viewing. Rama is markedly longs to spread his wings. Notes coy-with-the-camera Rama: "He's waiting for me to meet Mr Right and move out of the flat." Marion's son Daniel, 20, is gay and has no wish to leave. She revels in his Brighton chub scene — he brings his friends (who look on Marion and Augusta Marion) some tor tea. Marion as a surrogate Mum) home for tea . . .

Animal Police

Mixing It - John Cale

Radio 3, 10.45pm

Twice a year more than 2,000 young men and women apply for the job of RSPCA inspector. Of these, around 22 are accepted for training at the Horsham HQ. Naturally, because it concerns

Velver Underground was a band that may not have lasted very long in performance terms but it had a vast influence on the development of rock

music. Cale and the other members of the group never failed to raise an eyebrow; or a controversy.

This programme features Cale talking about and playing music that has influenced him, but his own history is what really fascinates. He was born in the Brecon hills, spoke only Welsh as a boy, played viola with the Welsh Youth Orchestra and

made the great leap — the move to New York — after corresponding with John Cage and Aaron Copland. Once in America Cale threw himself into

the avant garde, including two hour, one-note meditative droning sessions. All to a days work.



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Hardy, Garden and Anderson return with If I Ruled the World (BBC2, 9.30pm)

animals, especially animals in trouble, this new series will be rich in the "aah factor" — but it's the would be inspectors who dominate the first programme. We meet half a dozen hopefuls and follow them through their first week of training before the exam where their potential is assessed. If accepted, Clare, Garry, Sam and the rest will join 320 inspectors already working in the field. In one week alone they face legal studies, abseiling trials, swimming, boating, fire drill and a trip to a slaughterhouse.

If I Ruled the World BBC2, 10pm

BBC2, 10pm

Back they all come, this time for an extended series. No tape available as the show is recorded at the last minute but if you recall the formula you can expect the politically incorrect mixture as before — with Jeremy Hardy and Graeme Garden leading their opposing Red and Blue parties into the political arena where they will avoid all sensible questions and spin, lie and cheat disgracefully. Says the presenter Clive Anderson: "You must remember that Graeme, Jeremy and their guests only pretend to be politicians. Any resemblance to the real thing is entirely accidental." Returning are old favourites like the f Coukin't Disagree More and the Yes/No rounds. New rounds include "I've Done Something Very Foolish..."

Lifeblood of enterprise has a dangerously weak pulse

Investor attitudes may force 800 small companies from the market,

writes Christine Buckley

t the heart of the Government's high hopes for improving Britain's competitiveness is the small business. The entrepreneurial spirit of

smaller companies make up 97 per cent of the country's employers - is at the core of the Competitiveness White Paper. Blue-chip companies can

spring from the smaller business acorns, delivering enormous growth along the way. With the small company lies the opportunity for growth, for innovation and commercial flexibility.

But this paradigm of enterprise has a dangerously weak pulse. A dearth of investment interest in smaller quoted companies threatens to drive 800 of them from the equity market list-



Chris Swan, chairman of Finclist, fears that companies will lose a key method to motivate staff if they are forced to delist

ings, according to a report commissioned by the Department of Trade and Industry. On their coat-tails ride thousands of jobs. Smaller quoted companies those that lie outside the FTSE 350 — employ two million people

and produce £9 billion in profits per year. Fed up with investor ap-

arhy and (consequently) poor

share price performance, many of these are expected to succumb to takeovers or find ways to take themselves private.

Such a massive delisting could wreak long-term damage on the economy. Companies unable to use their shares to finance their expansion will grow more slowly. And the lack of appetite for new flocations will discourage investors and entrepreneurs from building up businesses in the first place. The lack of interest in small-

er companies stems from a mixture of old and new obstacles to investment in enterorises that are more about potential, rather than the more reliable returns expected from large businesses.

The old problem is the reluctance of investment funds to pump money into risky ventures and their fear of illiquidity. Shares in small quoted companies are often not easily traded, making it difficult for disgruntled investors to bale out.

The new problem is more worrying. It springs from the impact of the consolidation of investment funds and the increasingly pan-European and global equity markets. More money is being channelled into fewer and bigger investments and smaller companies are losing out. Investors are increasingly favouring indexation, tracking the fortunes of the higher-value companies in the FTSE 100 or 350.

Fewer stockbrokers are following smaller companies so less information is disseminated about them. Consequently, interest is harder to stimulate. It is a vicious circle.

The Government is keen to encourage more venture capitalists to back small companies and entrepreneurial start-ups as it tries to boost competitiveness. But without the lifeblood of further and sustained cash from equity markets, its efforts will be in vain.

Paul Myners, author of the report into smaller companies and the City, cautions that the problem is a stark one. "The equity gap for small companies is a very serious problem for them but it also has major implications for the culture of emerprise and for rewarding

innovation." Chris Swan, chairman of Finelist — the auto parts distributor that owns the Charlie Brown chain - says that companies will also lose a key method to motivate staff and

encourage stakeholding if they are forced to delist.

Mr Swan fronts a stock market success story. When Finelist floated in 1994, it had a turnover of £24 million and profits of £214 million. Last year its sales had soared to £500 million and its profits were £32 million. He says: "Listing is important not only for raising equity but for the signal it sends about the poten-

tial for growth of a business." But other potential Finelists may not get the opportunity to step on the ladder that could lift them into the larger league. In 1997, 126 companies fell from the Stock Exchange's listings through merger or delisting.

Last year the figure was 200. Unless there is a sea-change in investment attitudes the 800 casualties warned of in the DTI-commissioned report will soon join them.



Myners: serious equity gap

Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, says disillusionment among small prospects is rife. The equity gap faced by smaller companies is very serious. Major institutional investors are focusing on large companies and there is also a reluctance by banks to lend to smaller quoted companies.

One large bank is said to have 100 companies on its books considering delisting immediately, having abandoned the hope of raising cash through the stock markets.

Given the prevailing economic factors that are sweeping investment away from smaller musted companies, there is no easy way for them to fight back. But Mr Myners believes that better communication would help. Many institutional investors find that the information and dialogue provided by

small companies is inadequate. Directors of newly floated companies come to the City with little knowledge of its workings and unused to the rigours of communicating with a public market. The dissatisfaction is mutual. Many small companies complain of poor understanding among investors. The DTI report found that

only 21 per cent of fund managers find that smaller companies are good communicators. Some 70 per cent of investors questioned thought that smaller companies have a poor grasp of what determines shareholder value.

At the same time, less than 30 per cent of small companies believe fund managers enter into constructive dialogue. Less than 40 per cent of small businesses believe investors understand their companies and the sectors in which they operate.

The report recommends that smaller companies produce a statement of prospects and publish quarterly trading reports. They should benchmark investor relations services and set out what are the main drivers of their growth. ft tells the City that it should set out what it wants to see from small companies, the criteria for investing in them, the yardsticks it will use to judge performance and the preferred regularity, style and content of its meetings.

Gervais Williams, head of UK smaller companies at Gartmore, the investment fund, believes there is plenty of opportunity for successful investment in the smaller end of the equity market. "We have more smaller-quoted companies in the UK than in other European countries and they are often good investment vehides. But as Europe grows into one large equity market they have got to work harder than larger companies to attract funds."

Gartmore channels just 6 per cent of its total funds into smaller companies. But that percentage is higher than many of its peers with the average proportion running at

about 415 per cent. Better communication may improve the parlous state of investment. Whether that will prove sufficient is uncertain. If not, and no other initiatives emerge to stimulate investment. then the drive for increased competitiveness in the UK economy will be seriously undermined.

RADIO CHOICE

Two Flies on the Wall Radio 4. 8.00pm

Television in the late 1990s has been characterised by the docusoap, in which stars are made of every-one from hotel receptionists to traffic wardens. It has been an odd and distinctly uneven genre, with some successes (Hotel) and some flops (War and Piste). The latter is among those featured in this programme, which has David Stafford asking if the docusoap boom is about to go bust. Producer David Prest trailed the docusoap crews for several months, so this is essentially a docusoap about docusoaps. As well as War and Piste, there are visits to Vets in Practice, Life of Grime and Naked Westminister and there is an interview with Paul Watson, producer of The Family and therefore a

RADIO 1 (BBC)

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6.00em Alex Lester 7.30 Weste Up to Wogan 9.30 Richard Allnhon 12.00pm Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walter 7.00 Humphrey Lytterion 6.00 Big Band Legends Live Michael Parkinson presents 88lly May and the BBC Big Band In concert (\$49) 8.30 Joole Holland (2/13) 9.30 Merk Lament Saley, Ratife and Roll (\$/10) 10.30 Michy Home 32.00em Kalms Lesterich 3.00 Mo Dutta Kalma Leskarich 3.00 Mo Dutta

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9.00 Masserworks with Perry Gore. Incudes Weber (Turandot, Overture: March); Rechmaninov (The Rockl; Haydn (Concerto in G. H XVIII 4) 10.30 Artist of the Work: Leonard Statistin 11.00 Sound Storfes: Five Fernmes Fatales Peggy Reynolds tells the story of Lota Montez 12.00pm Composer of the Week: Georg Phillipp Telemann

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1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtitize Concert Live from the
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(Noctume in E fast minor, Op 33 No 1); Saste
(Gnossrennes, Set 1); Poulenc (Sutte: Les Soires
de Nazelles); Debussy (Sutte: Pour le Plano)
2.00 The BBC Orichestra Uster Orchestra under
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2.00 The BBC Orchestra Uster Orchestra under Adrian Leager and Charles Hazlewood
4.00 Opera in Action with Robert Lloyd
4.45 Music Machine with Verity Sharp
5.00 in Turne Sean Rafferty is ententained today by Christopher Seed and his left-handed plano
7.30 Performance on 3 BBC Scotish Symphony Orchestra under Jery Melsymuk, Patricia Rozario, soprano. Kodaly (Peacock Verlations); Canteloube (Songs of the Auvergne, excerpts); Stravineky

(Petrushka, 1947 version)

9.05 Poetscript: Magnum at the Millennium Five programmes celebrating 50 years of photojournaism from the world's most famous photo agency (r)

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10.00 Voices lain Burnside unearths a clutch of songs to texts by William Bleke

10.45 Mibding it John Cale shares his choice of three key tracks. See Choice

11.30 Jizzz Notes Alyn Shipton introduces Ketth Smith's ensemble Hefty Jazz.

12.00sm Composer of the Week: Franz Llazt (r)

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10.00 Woman's Hour with Sheta McClannon
11.00 Life in the Worldhotase People who spent their
lives in the dreaded institution
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2.00 The Archers (r)

2.15 Atternoon Play: The True Memoirs of Harriette
Wilson Michael Crompton's tale of a woman who
refused to go quietly—the countesan who
provoked Wetington's riposte. "Publish and be
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3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444 News from the world of personal finance, with Vincent Duggleby 3.30 Going, Going, Gone A rummage through the wares of auctions around the country, beginning

with the Jersey Marine Auction (1/5) (r)
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4.00 The Food Programme Andrew Jefford asks whether the genetics industry now poses the same threat to mankind as the military (r)

4.30 Turning World Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest storios from around the world 5.00 PM with Clare English and Nigel Wrench 6.00 Str. O'Clock News 6.30 Just a Minute Clement Freud, Fred MacAuley, Paul Merton and Graham Norton try to speak for 60 seconds without hashitation, repetition or deviation. Chaired by Nicholas Parsons 7.00 The Archers Wall Cart enjoy his first day? 7.15 Front Row Francine Stock Investigates the ongoing appeal of downtrodden hero Willy Loman from Arthur Miller's play Death of a Salesman 7.46 Speaking for Themselves: The Personal Letters of Wineton and Clementine Churchill Broadcast earlier as part of Wornen's Hour (f) 8.00 Two Files on the West David Stafford goes behind the scenes of docuspaps. See Choice 8.30 In Busineae Peter Day examines the current obsession with mobile phones 9.00 Nature Understanding a garden's ecology 9.30 Start the West Broadcast earlier (f) 10.00 The World Tordight with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Mark Twain Stories Kaisey Grammer reads A Day at Niegara (1/5) (r) 11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Tony Robinson speaks on behalf of a charity dedicated to those affected by substance abuse (r) 11.02 Late Might on 4: The Hairy Hand of Dartmoor A cocktail party gets dangerously out of hand. By Michael McStay (r) 11.30 (FM) Scaling the Mountain Musical recollections from a top performer or composer. Presented by Robert Dawson Scoti (r) 11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political news San-Wiwa's novel set in a Nigerian prison 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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An arresting, not insulting, documentary

here was a small crop of new series beginning this weekend, of which three were variations on the theme of the human interest documentary. They provided an illuminating contrast.

The award-winning crimin-ologist and film-maker Roger Grael kicked off his three-part series In Search Of Law And Order (Channel 4, Sunday) with The Limits Of Justice, a study of the way the authorities in Boston. Massachusetts, have been tackling a vicious culture of drug-related teenage gang violence in the city's

Measured and unsensational, it was a model of responsible documentary-making and as such. I suppose, deeply unfashionable. The only concession to hip gimmickry was a short sequence in the opening showing some lads doing a rap about the cynicism and hatred in their lives. For the rest it

was compiled from long(ish). ment agencies, schools, churches, thoughtful contributions from a community groups and an full spectrum of those involved in the problem, supported by a genuinely informative commentary from Graef himself.

If that sounds worthy but deadly dull, it wasn't. It was fascinating and, in a qualified way, inspiring. We are fooling ourselves if we think that we could not end up with equally desperate situations in this country. In some areas it is happening already, in extreme, individualistic, piecemeal America, public responses range from the Neanderthal to the vigorous, proactive and enlightened, light years ahead of anything over here.

They knew they had a problem in Boston when a gang disrupted a rival gang-member's funeral in a community church. maniacally stabbing one of the mourners. The result has been a uniquely integrated, co-ordinated programme from all law enforceimpressive team of street-workers imafraid to get "down and dirty". The mixture of energetic but sensible enforcement and positive help for the teenagers has reaped huge dividends.

espite being about criminals, this documentary did not try to grab our attention with scenes purporting to show i)legal activity in progress, After the latest revelations about Channel 4's mocked-up scenes of male prostitution, it is reassuring not to have to wonder whether such footage is fake or not. It is even more refreshing not to have one's intelligence insulted for once,

I expected to have my intellince insulted in Britain's Worst Divers (IT /, Friday). This is the first of a "Britain's Worst" series. at least one of which, I must will be "Britain's Worst DocumentaryREVIEW

Paul



Makers". At least it wasn't called "DIYers From Hell", although that phrase cropped up at least once during the programme.

I have had periodic spasms of Doing-It-Myself throughout my life and have left a trail of not quite horizonial shelves to prove it. So I thought the show might offer the consolation of sympathetic idenofication, together with the pleasure of laughing at people

even less competent than myself. In the event it was just sao, an endless litary of curiously stubborn bodgers with the aesthetic flair of a baboon's bottom. Many shared a predilection for cheap pine movidings from Dado Rails R L's and bright orange wallpaper. All had a pexaliar psychological compulsion not to finish anything. "You've got to keep a linle oil for later on," explained John from Derby.

But their houses, their lives and their stories were simply turgid and at a full hour the programme dragged on as interminably as their redecoration projects. The commentary was read by Timothy Spall, and it is hard to imagine a more painful contrast to his recent triumph in Shooting The Past.

There was a bizarre sequence where they secretly filmed people removing items from a skip and then followed them home. This uncarthed an extraordinary collection of creative eccentrics, including a man who makes his own electric clothing which he powers from a wind generator in the garden. This material would have made a much more interesting programme in itself. and one might suspect they were using up foorage from another documentary which had to be aborted for some reason.

so-called "fly-on-the-docu-soap" has been accompanied by its wacky shadow, the cod fly-on-the-docusoap. One recalls with a warm glow numerous sketches by Monty Python, Victoria Wood, Reeves and Morrimer, and of course classic films like the Comic Strip's Spinal Tap.

Now Hat Trick productions has come up with a splendid new variant - the spool cod fly-on-the-docusoap. At least I think that's what Boyz Unlimited (Channel 4.

Friday) is meant to be. At first I thought this account of an artificially manufactured "boy hand" was a straight take-off, with one or two halfway decent gags, like the manager who had made his fortune in the Eighties illegally selling rare hirds' eggs.

But gradually all the cliched

elements of this flugging genre popped up to be saurised. There's the commentary that begins each scene "It's (time of day) and (character) is gening worried", or "Meanwhile, tension is mounting for (character)". Or the actors who don't sound the least bit like real people. There are five more episodes to go, but I think they've made their point. Lazy television like this and "Britain's Worst" should be recognised as the anosocia) nuisance it is. I suggest a combined effort by, say, the ITC, Trading Standards officials and the Boston Police to show these people the error of their ways.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (52576) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (47311) 9.00 Kitroy (T) (8143601) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (4559576)

10.55 News; Weather (T) (6614040)

11.00 Rest Rooms | 6631717) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (6601576) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1884663) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (92972) 12.30 Wipeout (9215345)

12.55 The Weather Show (T) (48357427) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (57798) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (47079595) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (25958750)

2.05 ironside The Chief disguises himself as a lawyer-cum-artist marked for murder. With Raymond Burr (r) (3005311) 2.55 Body Spies (5359601)

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6272330) 3.45 The Littlest Pel Shop (2166514) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (3206205) 4.10 Pocket Dragon Adventures (4186595) 4.20 Anthony Ant (6700205) 4.35 Misery Guts (5044595) 5.00 Newsround (2584663) 5.10 Blue Peter (6136205)

5.35 Neighbours (i) (T) (824972) 00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (663) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (243) 7.00 This is Your Life (1) (5040) 7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck Misconcep-

tions about brittle bone disease osteoporosis (T) (427) 8.00 EastEnders Nina's past catches up with

8.30 Dad Alan is somewhat put out when his entire lamily claim he is a wimp — but he soon gels a chance to prove his courage. 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;



Trainee RSPCA inspector Stephen Kear gets stuck in (9.30pm)

9.30 **CHOICE** Animal Police New series of prospective RSPCA inspectors (T) (93232) 10.00 Panorama The race between scientists liom Britain, America and the Far East to clone the first human baby (T) (649663) 10.45 Snapshot: Helen Mirren New series. The actress visits South Africa to see how women and children are affected by living in a sometimes violent and misogynistic

society (T) (179663) 11.15 Voices from Within (TVM 1994) A police psychiatrist investigates the case of a murder victim who has been positively identified as two different people. Thriller, starring Corbin Bernsen. Directed by Eric Till (T) (216972)

12.40am The Good Guys and the Bad Guys (1969) An ageing sherilf and e train robber meet up to one last showdown. Western adventure, starring Robert Mitchum and George Kennedy, Directed by Burt Kennedy (T) (5764593) 2.05 Weather (2744098) 2.10 BBC News 24 (88991511)

BBC2

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show Oam Children's BBC Breakfast Show:
The Family Ness (3300750) 7.05
Telefubbies (6228392) 7.30 Secret
Squirrei and Co (6014359) 7.55 Blue
Petter (7176822) 8.20 Taz-Marna
(7199040) 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts
(3185088) 8.50 Romuald the Reindeer
(3174972) 9.00 Space Ark (3336755)
9.10 Short Circuit (4905885) 9.30 Whiting
and Pictures (1080330) 9.45 Storytime
(1085885) 10.00 Telefubbies (12137)
10.30 Words and Pictures (2082779)
10.45 Cats Eyes (2070934) 11.00 Look
and Read (2517525) 11.20 Zig Zag
(8364311) 11.40 Landmarks (4662137)
12.05pm History File (5639458) 12.30
Working Lunch (25798) 1.00 Romuald
the Reindeer (94330717)

the Reindeer (94330717) 1.10 The Travel Hour e (r) (9094779)

2.10 Live Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters Soctimes winner Stephen Hendry takes on Malta's Tony Drago in this afternoon's featured second-round match at the Wembley Conference Centre (41833040)

6.00 The Simpsons Bart finally oversteps the mark and the normally easy-going Horner applies e severe purishment (T) (885359) 6.20 Five Go Mad in the Kitchen Celebrities demonstrate recipes for Comic Reliel, starting with Jane Asher and Stephen

Tompkinson (r)·(587589) 6.25 Hit, Miss or Maybe s (r) (T) .(141427) 6.40 Live Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters Steve Davis begins his secondround match against former world champion Ken Doherty (4851205)

8.00 CHOICE Raising the Roof Paul Kenyon Investigates the truth behind shoddy workmanship from sup-posedly reputable firms (3/6) (T) (2330) 8.30 Food and Drink Jeremy Lee prepares a

see of rabbit with prunes (T) (8137) 9.00 Red Dwarf Holly is involved in a duel against the computer which replaced him after a series of disasters (r) (1) (9601)



More comedy with Reace Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton (9.30pm)

9.30 The League of Gentlemen Mike and Cheryl's wedding day arrives - but is it a mistake to let Geoff be best man? Harvey holds the funeral of his toads (T) (93214) 10.00 CROSE If I Ruled the World New series of the political comedy

quiz (91243) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (533798) 11.15 Snooker: Benson and Hedges

Masters Best of loday's action (770427) 11.50 Weather (431069) 12.00am Despatch Box (45354)

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12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University:
Building the Perfect Beast 1.30 English
Whose English? 2.00 Schools: Special
Needs — Go For It! 4.00 Languages: The
French Experience 5-8 5.00 Business
and Training: Skills for Work — Channel
Hopping 5.45 Open University The York
Mystery Plays 6.10 Wendeounkte 6.25 Mystery Plays 6.10 Wendepunkte 6.35

5.30am ITN Morning News (98866) 6.00 GMTV (6010822) 9.25 Trishe (T) (5510427) 10.30 This Morning (T) (11617934) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7286663) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (12224)

1.00 Shortland Street (42865) 1.30 Home and Away Robert's malevolent nature becomes clear (T) (11595) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5938866) 2.45 Supermarket Sweep (T) |286392) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (3305048) 3.20 HTV News (T) (5653141)

3.25 CITV: Monalon's Short (7705804) 3.35 Captain Pugwash (3200021) 4.00 Oggy and the Cockroaches (3499972) 4.20 it's a Mystery (3475392) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (5068175)

5.10 WEST: Getaways Local celebrities report on their lavourite holiday destinions in the region (r) (T) (9376595) 5.10 WALES: Moneyspinners A tine plate collection (T) (9376595)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) (439953) 6.00 Home end Away (r) (T) (764392) 6.25 WALES; Wales Tonight (T) (641088) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (832476) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (T) (311) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (805408) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Denise Welch and Holly Newman visit Dubai and Jamie

7.30 Coronation Street Hayley decides to tollow Roy (T) (595) 8.00 Trauma Team Martin McNally fights to save the life of a motorist who ploughed into a tree at 60mph (4/6) (T) (6156) 8.30 Carol Vorderman's Better Homes The

Theakston travels to Nice (T) (7408)



Dougle (Marc Warren) Jeopardi

8.00 The Vice Dougle makes an error of judgment by telling escort gul Emma that her agency is under Investigation, putting Cheryl in danger (6/6) (T) (1311)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (95069) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (683175) 10.40 Nash Bridges Nash teams up with sexy Chicago cop to track down a vicious murderer (T) (634866)

11.40 Midnight Caller Jack stumbles upon a sinister black market (787717) 12.40am Football Extra Football League highlights (2161248)

1.40 World Football (r) (4540070) 2.10 The Fall of the House of Usher (1960) Period thriller about a man who returns to his figuree's ancestral estate to investi-gate her death and discovers that she's been buried alive. Vincent Price stars. Directed by Roger Corman (4744165) 3.35 Trisha Shown earlier tr) (T) (9682354)

4.35 Soundtrax (83864731) 4.50 ITV Nightscreen (88016712) 5.00 Coronation Street (T) (47373)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Central News; Weather (T) (8685595) 1.00 High Road (T) (42666) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (1789156) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (T) (287021) 3.20-3.25 Central News (76563141) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1827565) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9376595) **6.25-7.00 Central News**; Weather (T) (641088) **10.30-10.40 Central News**; Weather (T) [683175] 11.40-12.40 The Wright Verdicts (787717) 4.30am Central Jobfinder '99 (T) (8134441) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye

WESTCOUNTRY

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MERIDIAN

As HTV West except 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News; Weather (7286663) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (T) (9376595) 6.00 Meridian T 1ght (T) 9 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (T) (211) 10 20-10 40 Meridian Mause; Wostber (T) (683175) 11.40-12.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (787717) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (T)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8697330) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (8685595) 5.10-5.40 Home and and Weather (1003039) 5, 10-3-40 Pipine and Away (1) (9376595) 5.59 Anglia Weather (1) (419330) 6.00 Anglia News (1) (731040) 6.50-7.00-Take 4-On (538224) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (95 825) 7030-7040 Anglia Magaziand Weather (1) (693175) 11.40 Renegade 12.30am-12.40

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11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier (r) (Tr (2934) 12.00pm Sesame Street (T) (85682) 12.30 Bewitched II) (T) (10866)

1.00 Pet Rescue (T) (40408) 1.30 The Three Stooges The IIIO attempt to make a last buck (r) (13704953)

make a last buck (f) [13704953)

1.50 On the Fiddle (1961) A spiv joins the RAF and persuades a slow-witted gypsy to help in his money-making schemes. With Sean Connery and Alfred Lynch Directed by Cynl Frankel (T) (46653224)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (717)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One |T) (224) 4.30 Countdown (T) (5038934) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (3692137)

5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (208) 6.00 Roseanne Dan tells DJ to try ice hockey to increase his populanty (T) (601) 6.30 Hollyoaks Sean lets the cat out of the

bag (T) (953) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (395682) 7.50 The Millennial Miniatures (T) (931682)



Are UFOs a cover story for the

8.00 Riddle of the Sides The increase in pilots and air-traffic controllers' close encounters with UFOs. Plus claims that LIFOs are in fact secret weapons in the development slage (2/3) (T) (9717)

9.00 CHOICE Cutting Edge A look at men's relationships with their mothers (T) (9953)

10.00 My Stepmother is an Alien (1988) Scientisi Dan Aykroyd's research into outer space leads him to fall for a shapely alien. Cosmic comedy, with Krm Basinger Directed by Richard Benjamin

12.05am Shooting Gallery Short films (3/8); La Lenera (6266422)

12.20 Twisted Sheets A woman gets her own back on her lormer boylmend (7427422) 12.45 Exit A prisoner is ludnapped and tries to escape from his captors (7504809) 12.50 Darkness in the Afternoon A woman's walk in the park turns bad (8139793)

1.10 Dispatches (f) (T) (7517373) 1.40 Powerhouse Omnibus (2092083)

2.05 The Client Reggie risks her life helping a youngster (r) (T) (787151) 3.45 Black Top Afternoon A (emale motorist finds herself alone (r) (19723422) 4.00 Schools: The English Programme (367441) 5.35 Off Limits (9918480)

6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport 7.00 WideWorld Pan seven. How television influences the public idea of lemminity (r)

(T) (6009175) 7.30 Milkshake! (1092589)

7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (3254601) 8.00 Havakazoo (1) (4037175) a.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (4036446)

9.00 Was it Good for You? (1) (1729682) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (7454953) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6107137) 10.20 Sunset Beach Annie suspects Colerand

11.10 Leeza (4516953) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (4007934)

12.30 Family Affairs Roy takes drastic action [II] (T), 5 News Update (9059408) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Kim and Clarke's relationship hots up (6008446) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Guesis include Dianne Warren, songwiller for Cher and Celine Dion; 5 News Update (9058779)

2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5204408) 2.30 Good Afternoon (1857088) 3.30 Going in Style (1979) Cornedy drama.
Old-timers George Burns, Art Carney and
Lee Strasberg decide to spice up their
boring lives by robbing a bank. Directed
by Martin Brest (T) [3834750)

5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (i) (T); 5 News Update (5414141)

6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz 6.30 Family Affairs Mana and Serge come to crisis point with Roy (T) (6445205)

7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (5208224) 7.30 Malaysian Jungle New sx-part series exploring the hidden world of the seemingly impenetrable equational jungle, focusing on the wide variety of plant and animal life (1/6) (T), 5 News levels 16.474.77.77.

Updale (6474717) 8.00 Instant Gardens New senes, Modelrumed-garden designer Jac Flower transforms eyesoies into pases by means of a little horticultural mapic. In the opening programme she liansforms e garden in Swanmore, Southampion, with the help of high-tech computer simu-lation by Myles Matthews (T) (5217972)

8.30 Road Rages Show-off drivers, including a man stopped 27 times for speeding. Last in series (6/6) (T) (5203779)

cheerleader's ellegations of harassment against her team's star player fall on deal ears et her college, prompting her to take matters into her own hands. Thuller starring Shanna Reed, Sarah Chalke Lochlyn Munro and Gwyrryth Walsh. Directed by Joseph L Scanlan (T), 5 News Update (44525224)

10.40 Dr Fox's Chart Update (5120866) 10.45 The Owl and the Pussycat (1970) Broadway comedy about a mismatched couple — a prostitute and a bookseller who share an apartment. Starring George Segal and Barbra Streisand. Directed by

Herbert Ross (99684069) 12.35am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (82359286) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Meg is freed and Joan orders Marlene's beating (6355147)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9099064)

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SKY ONE 7.00am Court Ducksia 1980691 7.30 The Chris Evans Breaklast Show (44040) 8.30 Hofywood Squares (20156) 8.00 Safy Jessy Raphael (40243) 10.00 The Oprah Whitey Show (42048) 11.00 Guilyi (86224) 12.00pm Jenny Jones (56953) 1.00 Mad About You (80040) 1.30 Jeopardy (75717) 2.00 Safty Jessy Raphael (55865) 3.00 Jenny Jones (60311) 4.00 Guilyi (89446) 5.00 Star Tiel- Voyager (6311) 8.00 Guilyi (9959) 6.30 Friends (3175) 7.00 The Simpsons (7040) 7.30 The Simpsons 9565) 6.30 Firends (3173) 7.00 Firends (3173) 7.00 Simpsons (7040) 7.30 The Simpsons (9369) 8.00 Star Trek, Deep Space Nine (90040) 8.00 First Wave (87576) 10.00 South Part (35601) 10.30 Semistd (11021) 11.00 Firends (80175) 11.30 Star Trek, Voyagor (29972) 12.30mm The Commish (51101) 1.30 Long Play (7751606)

KY BOX OFFICE Sky's pay-per-view movie channels. SAY BOX OFFICE 1 [Transponder 26] The Peacemaker (1997) SKY BOX OFFICE 2 (Transponder 60)

Tae Ice Storm (1997)

Sir BOx OFFICE 3 (Transponder 59)

Trial and Error (1997)
The Devil's Advocate (1997)
Shi BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) Fire Down Below (1997) FILMFOUR 6.00pm Pickup on South Street (1953) (31 7010) 7.25 Bus to Queens (406.406) 8.00 M Butterfly (1993) (66596798) 9.40 Wired (2585717) 10.00 Another Country (1984) (1344069) 11.30 Gulz Show (1994) (96503977) 3.00 Murter's Wedding (1994) (96703460) 4.45 PTeng Yang (1994) (9779460) 4.45 PTeng Yang (1994) (9779460) 4.45 PTeng Yang (1994) (9779460) 4.45 PTeng Yang

SKY PREMIER 3.00am Frog and Wombel (1996) (99717) 3.00am Frog and Wombel (1995) (44395330) 10.15 Little Dontit's Story (1987) (7792796) (1.30ptt Stanley's Search for Livingstone (1997) (9160) (1.3.30 Bany Norman's Fan Night (6001) 4.00 Frog and Wombat (1998) (9885) 5.00 A Pig's Talle 1995) (59834) 7.30 Foton (Wilson's Face 1995) (59834) 7.30 Foton (Wilson's Face (1995) (25934) 7.30 Fobili Willer's Burden

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5.05am Chellengers (1986) (392973111 7.00 Femmes Falales: Michelle Pierfer (83197) 7.30 Move Magic (869796) 8.15 Acaon Herces: John Travota (2706296) 0.00 The Phentom (1996) (19682) 11.00 Loyal Opposition: Terror in the White Loyal Opposition: Terror in the White House (1997) (84750) 1.00pm Femmes Faiales: Michelle Pletfer (82408) 1.30 Movie Magic (9568158) 2.15 Action Heroes: 0.00 Weekland Move Magn: (9568159) 21-9 childrin rate of point 178/01/2 125/0369 5 3.00 Weekend Reumion (1990) (3008) 5.00 Loyal Opposition: Terror in the White House (1997) 17/2057 7.00 The Phantom (1996) (9569) 9.00 Wing and a Prayer (1996) (9569) 10.00 Wing and a Prayer (1996) (9569) (9507) 12.25cm Final Justice (1996) (4 29538) 2.00 Talk to Me (1996) (1996) (1997) 12.25cm Final Justice (1996) (4 29538) 2.00 Talk to Me (1998) (1980) (9 2030) 2.00 lan. 10 me (348286) 3.35 Priday the 13th: Pa The New Blood (1886) (6458977)

SKY CINEMA 4.00pm The Hound of the Beskervilles (1839) 14439409 5-30 Holywood Hall of Fame Dean Mahn (3480243) 8.00 About Mrs Leelle (1954) 11531377 8.00 Notorious (1946) 1158682 10.00 Builti (1969) 1822137) 11-55 Joshus Then and Now (1969) 185105141 1.55mm Days of Glory (1944) (6914396) 3.25 The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939)

TNT 9.00pm No Guis, No Clory. 75 Years of Stars (32266088) 10.00 Now, Voyager (1942) (32113750) 12.15am A Very physio Affair (1982) (64728285) 2.00 Battle Beneath the Earth (1987) 754886847) 3.30 Children of the Darmed (54886947) 3.30 Children of 8 (1984) |16169538) 5.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Football Special 8.30 Snow Show e.00 Racing News 9.30 Aerobics 18.00 League Review 12.00pm Aerobics 12.30 What a Weekend 1.00 Football Special 2.30 Sponts Contre 6.30 What a Weekend 1.00 Football 4.30 What a Weekend 5.00 Max. Power 8.00 Sports Centre 6.30 What a Weekend 7.00 Live Football 10, 15 Sports Centre 10.30 You're On Sky Sports! 11.15 League Revew 12.15am Sports Centre 12.30 You're On Sky Sports!

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SKY SPORTS 2 7.00am Aerobus 7.30 Racing News 8.00 US Gol 11.00 Gol* Malayssan Open 1.00pm Max Power 2.00 World Windsuring 2.30 Watersports World 3.30 Motor Racing 5.00 Football League Review 8.00 World Windsuring 8.30 V-Max 7.00 World Motor Sport 18.00 Total Sport 10.30 World Windsuring 11.00 Squash 12.00em World Motor Sport 3.00 Sports Centre 8.15 Close SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Scotish Football 1.00 NFL Football 4.30 Basketball 6.30 Total Sport 7.00 Fish TV e.00 Squash 9.00 Treathor 18.00 Wonderful World of Golf 11.00 Golden Age al Motor Racing 11.30 Close EUROSPORT 7.30em Snowboarding 8.00 Bobsleigh 8.00 Extreme Sports 10.00 Brathlon 11.00 Momen's Storing 12.00 Sky.kumping 1.30 Snowboarding 2.00 Bashion 2.30 Women's Sking 4.30 Luge 5.00 Extreme Sports 8.00 Live Sking 7.00 Extreme Sports 8.00 Trail 9.00 Bowing 10.00 Europoals 11.30 Extreme Sports 12.30am Close

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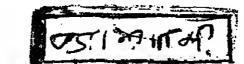
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Roger Bootle on impact of the squeeze



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DTI outlines fears for 800 small firms

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

UP TO 800 small companies may soon be forced from the equity markets because they are being starved of invest-ment, according to a Depart-ment of Trade and Industry report published today. The combined value of the companies would equal BP-Amoco.

The exit of the businesses from the stock market would have serious implications for an important section of the economy and for the attempts by the Government to improve Britain's competitiveness.

The warning that two fifths of could be pushed out of the markets, and thus excluded from a vital means of raising cash. comes in a report published today by the Department of Trade and Industry. The study into how smaller companies do business with the City says that global and domestic odds are stacking up against investment in them. Its findings come only weeks after the Government held up the small company and entrepreneur as crucial to fuelling the economy in its Competitiveness White Paper.

The report, written by a cross-section of industry and investors, says that smaller companies are being squeezed by the increasing consolidation of

Mergers may end FTSE 100

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

A YEAR of mega-mergers among the UK's biggest companies could spell the end of the dominance of the FTSE 100 index as a benchmark of share performance.

Growing City concern about the composition of the index has prompted the FTSE Steering Committee to consider creating an alternative. The committee, chaired by Geoff Lindey, chief executive of investment management for JP open a debate" on the issue

Institutional investors are becoming concerned that 45 per cent of the FTSE 100 index is already dominated by the top len UK companies. A few big deals in the banking or pharmaceutical sectors could concentrate 30 per cent of the index in just three companies. Anglo American and other South African companies are set to join Billiton in the list of the UK's leading businesses. Steven Vale, policy manag-

er, said that the creation of BP Amoco, which began trading as a £84 billion merged group last month, had highlighted the issue. Had Glaxo Wellcome merged with its pharmacentical rival SmithKline Beecham last year, the merged company would have been bigger even than BP Amoco.

FTSE 100 index in favour of the all-share index, although the FTSE 100 accounts for 80 per cent of that index.

Further mergers may also be a headache for tracker funds, particularly ones try-ing to replicate the FTSE 100 for private investors. Under EU law, unit trusts must not hold more than a 10 per cent of their portfolio in one stock.

investment funds and the growing globalisation of equity markets. Both factors are reducing investment diversity and marginalising the small player. A further blow is dealt by the mounting trend for investment funds to index their resources concentrating on tracking the FTSE 100, 200 and 350. Added to this is a fundamental failing by smaller companies to com-municate effectively.

In a joint foreword to the report Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary. and Kenneth Clarke, MP, who heads the small quoted companies association Cisco, say "it is vital that they can obtain supportive finance from institutional investors to facilitate their further development".

The Stock Exchange is sending the report to all listed companies outside the FTSE 350 to alert them to the danger.

Paul Myners, the main author of the report, said: "The lack of investment interest in small companies has important implications for small companies and also government policy because it threatens competitiveness."

Katie Morris, chief execu-tive of Cisco, said: "Smaller quoted companies are under extreme pressure and it is imperative that fund managers take a less negative and more realistic approach to valuation and to risk perception."

A fall in investment interest in smaller businesses is likely effects, the report says. Venture capitalists will be less keen to pump money into new businesses - and they are already reluctant to back start-ups because they will not be able to exit their stakes if the companies' shares are poorly traded.

The report says that companies and fund managers must improve communication. It found that both businesses and investors had a poor understanding of each other's priorities and requirements.

Weak lifeblood, page 46



Bill Landels, left, and Dr Bill Pardoe reflect on a multimillion-pound energy deal between Scottish Power and Pilkington

Float plan for Scottish **Telecom**

By PAUL DURMAN

SCOTTISH POWER, whose ManWeb subsidiary, headed by Bill Landels, managing direcrz zońbiansk energy system to Pilkington's assmaking operation in St Helens, is reported to be considering a £2 billion flotation for its telecommunications business.

Scottish Telecom, which is owned by Scottish Power, paid £66 millioo last year for Demoo Internet, one of the UK's leading Internet access providers. It also offers business and residential services. It is claimed a new 20-year agreement will save the glassmaker, whose European manufacturing director is Bill Par-doc, El million a year.

UK bank profits decline in face of competition

By CAROLINE MERRELL

UK BANKS are expected to such as Standard Life, are show flat or falling profits this poised to take an even bigger year because of heightened share of the mortgage market market and the fallout from

the crisis in emerging markets.

The mortgage banks — Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich and Halifax - had failed to diversify from their core businesses of lending and savings, said analysts. Their ability to lend money had been hampered by fierce competition

from the mutual societies. Margins at all the banks have been squeezed by the cuts in base rates, as the banks cannot afford to cut their savings by too much

New mortgage lenders,

mortgage banks had fallen or remained static over the past 12 months, despite the big rise in the All-Share index.

Lloyds TSB, the first bank to report its results, is expected on Priday to announce pre-tax profits in the region of £2.9 billion to £3.2 billion. The top end of the profit prediction is only slightly gher than last year's figure of £3.16 billion. Its profits for 1997-1998 were 25 per cent higher than the previous year.

Bardays, on the other hand. is expected to reveal substantial losses on emerging markets through its Barclays Capi-tal subsidiary. Analysts said last week they were reassured tions that profits would not fall below El.9 billion.

The results from NatWest are expected to be better than Barclays, reflecting the fact that NatWest dealt with it problems in investment banking before Barclays. Profits at NatWest are expected to be about £1.9 billion, up from £1.4 billion last year.

HSBC and Standard Chartered are expected to be most affected by the crisis in the Far East. Profits at HSBC are expected to fall to £4.2 billion from £4.9 billion last year.

Bug imperils floats and buyouts

By JASON NISSE

THE Department of Trade and Industry, the British Vent-ure Capital Association and the Accounting Standards Board have been meeting leading accountants and private capital firms to try to avert cri-sis in the £13 billion venos capital market later this year. Accountants say that they

will not be able to authorise leveraged buyouts because of worries about the millennium computer bug. The problem has already nearly blocked one big deal, and leading ven-ture capitalists say the market could collapse.

The problem is also expected to prevent many companies floating on the stock market because accountants will not be able to agree working capital statements because of bug-related uncertainties.

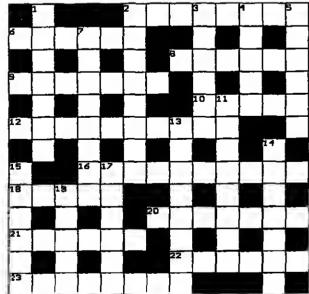
Venture capital deals could collapse because accountants will not sign Financial Assist-ance certificates, which allow shares in a company to be bought with leveraged fin-ance. The certificates say that a company can meet all its fin-ancial obligations over the next 12 months. -

However, almost all compa nies are unable to forecast the financial impact of the Year 2000 bug on their business. Accounting firms are refusing to sign the certificates because it bug-related problems put buyouts into financial difficulties within 12 months, the accountants can be sued by investors and banks. The problem is that Financial Assistance certificates cannot be qualified." said John Cole, a partner in Ernst & Young.

held meetings with the DTI and the BVCA to try to resolve the problem. The Accounting Standards Board is this week due to issue guidance on what procedures accountants need to adopt that might allow them to sign the certificates.

This will call for directors of a buyout to issue a detailed statement on how well prepared they and their suppliers and customers are for 2000. If accountants can themselves that this is "reasonable". the ASB will say, certificates can be issued.

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City duo extend

THE dominance of the two big names in City research and analysis continues to grow, according to a poll of the country's top companies, with Merrill Lynch and Warburg Dillon Read pulling away further from the rest of the The two were voted in first

and second place, respectively.

in a league of top securities houses for research, the same places achieved in last year's poll. In addition, Warburg held on to the number one slot for corporate finance advice. The gap between the two on research has narrowed. according to the survey in Securities and Investment Review, the magazine of the

Securities Institute, which is

published loday. However.

their scores have drawn ahead

of the other big City players. Credit Suisse First Boston. merged since last year with Securities, comes in third, but with a score that is only half that of the two big

Clive Brand, client services director of Consensus Research, the firm that conducted the poll, said: "It will take a major investment of time effort and resource for any of the other players to become a genuine challenger to the Big

The survey also showed that although companies thought that analysts generally had a good knowledge of their financial track record and strategy, their future prospects and sales and marketing efforts were much less well

Midshires spurns call for meeting

BY SUSAN EMMETT

BIRMINGHAM Midshires Building Society has provoked a dispute with some of its members by dismissing calls for another general meeting as frivolous" and "vexatious".

The society, which is shortly to be become part of Halifax said the takeover had been approved by 95 per cent of members last December and that a further meeting would

be a waste of ome and money. But Bob Goodall, who is campaigning against the con-version of mutuals, feels slighted. He said: "I believe that this interpretation is entirely bo gus and a device by the board to stop a second [meeting] that would have allowed members an opportunity to protect mortgage customers, protect savers and protect jobs."

EMI tunes into Net

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

FIVE of the world's largest record companies will today announce in New York that they are to begin a trial to allow full-length CDs to be downloaded over the loternet.

The initiative by BMG. EMI, whose artists range from Sir Cliff Richard to the Artist Formerly Known As Prince, Sony Music, Universal Music and Warner Music indicates how seriously the companies take the Internet threat. Music is already being downloaded on the Internet in breach

of copyright. Some artists have

already started by-passing the

record companies entirely and

using the Internet to sell directly

to the poblic. David Bowie was



among the first to experiment with the medium.

The market trial, on a cable system in San Diego, is expected to begin in the spring and last for most of this year. The

record companies are working with IBM to test various ways of delivering music commer-cially on the Internet. The main thrust of the trial will involve using the broadband cable network but it is believed the use of conventional telephone lines will also be assessed. Hundreds of CD alburns and new singles will be available for purchase by credit card through an online store. An important aspect of the test will be to ensure that the transactions are secure.

The record companies want to ensure that consumers can buy music over the Internet without infringing intellectual property rights. Under the trial San Diego cable subscribers will be able to download music directly into their PCs.

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